AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS

There will be ONE $1,500 scholarship awards for junior members providing these recipients have not received a national scholarship. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

1. Candidates for this award shall be a Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary. The Junior member must have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three years and must hold a junior membership card for the current year.
2. Applicants must be in their senior year of an accredited high school. She must be a resident of Colorado.
3. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all Units.
4. No Unit may enter more than one candidate in the Department competition.
5. If the winner of this award is also the winner of the National President's Scholarship award or the winner of the Past President's Parley Nursing scholarship, her alternate will then become the recipient of the Department President's Scholarship. If she should not become a winner in the National Contest, she will be awarded a scholarship from Colorado.
6. Applicants must present the completed application packet to the Unit President prior to **March 1, of the current year**. Deadline must be adhered to.
7. The winning entry for each Unit shall be certified by the Unit President and mailed to Department Secretary by March 15, of the current year.
8. The scholarship must be used within 12 months of the date the winner receives notification from the Department Headquarters.
9. Half the award will be paid for the first semester to the school and the balance when the student registers for the second semester. If the student drops out of school on or before the end of the first semester, the last half of the award shall be made available to her alternate for the second semester of the first year.
10. Judging at all levels shall be on the following basis:

    a. Character 20%
    b. Americanism 20%
    c. Leadership 20%
    d. Scholarship 20%
    e. Basis of need 20%

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APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

Department Scholarship for Junior Members

1. Completed application form for Department President's Scholarship.

2. The following two letters of recommendation are required:
   a. One letter from either the Principal, Guidance Counselor, or teacher at the school from which the applicant will be a graduate.

3. An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words on the topic:

   "How Military Families are Keeping the Promise to Preserve our Freedom"

4. A certified transcript or photocopy from high school.

5. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.

6. A brief statement of the service of military veterans through whom applicant is eligible, including branch of service and dates of service, or a photocopy of veteran's discharge papers.

NONE OF THIS PACKET WILL BE RETURNED TO THE STUDENT

THIS INFORMATION FOR USE BY UNIT ONLY

Each Unit will be responsible for verifying all necessary information in the applicant's packet.

Units are to send their winning entry to: **Department Secretary, Email packet to dept.sec.alacolorado@gmail.com**

Must be received on or before March 15 of the current year.

The Department Education Chair and their committee will make the final decision on the winner. The Chair shall certify the name of the Department winner to the Department President on or before March 30th, of the current year. The Department Chair shall email the entire winning entry packet to the Department Secretary on or before March 30th of the current year. If the winner of this award is also the winner of the National President's Scholarship award, his/her alternate will then become the recipient of the Department President's Scholarship award.

APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS
Of THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILARY DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO
SUBMIT APPLICATION TO YOUR UNIT PRESIDENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 of current year

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

Date of birth _____ Date enrolled in the American Legion Auxiliary _____

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible _____

Relationship to Veteran _____

Occupation of father / stepfather _____ Annual gross income _____

Occupation of mother / stepmother _____ Annual gross income _____

Total monthly government compensation or pension received by parent and /or children _____

Monthly compensation or pension for applicant if mother has remarried or has died _____

Number of dependent children under 18 years of age _____ Over 18 years _____

Grade levels _____

Are you eligible or are you drawing Social Security payments? _____

Are you eligible for benefits under Survivors and Dependents Education? _____

Proposed date of graduation from high school _____

Name of college or University you plan to attend _____

_____ _____
Print or type full name Signature of Applicant

_____ _____ _____
Phone Number Email Address Date

NOTE: PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTACH OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS TO THIS APPLICATION AND SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT TO WHICH YOU BELONG.
NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, of current year

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING UNIT (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

_____ _____
Unit name and number Unit Secretary or Unit Education Chair

_____
Address

_____ _____
City and zip code Signature of Unit President

(See next page for essay questions)

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Please answer the following questions in a separate document and attach them to the application packet.

a. Why would receiving this scholarship be important to you?

b. What course of study do you plan to pursue and why?

c. Describe your involvement in school, church, and community activities.

d. Why do you think the United States' patriotic organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary are important to the world today?