AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

There will be ONE $1,500 scholarship awards for the current year. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

1. Candidates for these awards shall be daughters, sons, or grandchildren of the veterans who served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7,1941 and have been honorably discharged or are still serving. (Eligibility dates remain open, all active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible for membership in the American Legion.)
2. Applicants must be in their senior year.
3. Previous Department Scholarship recipients are not eligible for further competition.
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all Units.
5. No Unit may enter more than one candidate in the Department competition.
6. The scholarship must be used within 12 months of the date the winner receives notification from the Department Headquarters.
7. Applicants must present the completed application packet to the Unit President prior to March 1 of current year. Deadline must be adhered to.
8. 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.
9. The award will be paid when the student registers for the first semester. If the students do not in fact go to the school, the award shall be made available to his/her alternate. The student should notify the Department Secretary if he/she is not continuing in school.
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%

The decision of the judges shall be final.

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APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

Department President's Scholarship

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.

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APPLICATION FOR *DEPARTMENT* PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

*SUBMIT APPLICATION TO YOUR UNIT PRESIDENT ON OR BEFORE **MARCH 1 of current year***

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

Date of birth _____ Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible _____

Living ☐ Deceased ☐

Occupation of father or stepfather _____ Annual gross income _____

Occupation of mother _____ 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?