

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Decatur, Illinois

RULES

1. **Candidates for these scholarships are children or grandchildren of veterans who served during the eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion.**

The **Auxiliary is giving one \$1,000 and one \$1,500 scholarship this year.** Each winner will be paid the full amount of the scholarship in one payment. Each winning applicant will be required to sign an agreement that in the event he/she does not complete the semester of school as planned, arrangements must be made with the American Legion Auxiliary within thirty (30) days for the return of the full amount of the scholarship.

2. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
3. The winner is to be selected on the following basis:
 - A. **CHARACTER – 30%.** High standard of conduct; keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to truth and conscience; belief in God.
 - B. **AMERICANISM – 25%.** Fine ideals; love of country; ability to accept citizen's responsibilities.
 - C. **SCHOLARSHIP – 15%.** Evidence of industriousness and working to full potential; rating in class and grades of senior year.
 - D. **BASIS OF NEED – 30%.** Actual need of financial assistance in order to obtain a higher education.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application form.
2. A list of church, school, and community organizations to which the applicant belongs, including any offices held.
3. Four (4) letters of recommendations from the following: One (1) from the principal or counselor of the high school from which he/she is a graduate; One (1) from the clergyman of his/her choice; Two (2) from adult citizens, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.
4. An original article consisting of not more than 1000 words on the topic, "My Obligation as an American."
5. A certified transcript or photocopy of applicant's high school grades.

The complete application packet must be submitted flat (in folder) by the applicant to the **American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman, 1535 Legion Drive, Decatur, Illinois 62521, NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2009.** Winners will be notified by June 1, 2009. **Awards will be presented in the American Legion building.**

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 105
Decatur, Illinois

NOTE: Previous winners of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 105 Scholarships are not eligible to apply!

Applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman of the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit 105 **NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2009.**

1. Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone Number _____

2. Name of parent by which applicant is eligible _____

Living _____ Deceased _____ Divorced _____

3. Number of dependent children in family under 18 years of age _____ Over 18 _____

4. Occupation of father or stepfather _____

Annual gross income \$ _____ Occupation of mother _____

Annual gross income \$ _____

5. Proposed date of graduation from high school _____

6. What is your class rank? _____ out of _____

7. Name of college/university you hope to attend _____

8. Degree/degrees and career field you plan to pursue _____

9. Have you applied for or have you been awarded another scholarship this year?

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, list source and amount _____

10. What is the estimated cost of your first year of schooling? _____

11. Attach: Three letters of reference, listing of extra-curricular activities, civic/church work, signed transcript, original article written by applicant describing career choice.

Applicant's Signature

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Winner will be requested to sign a waiver stating he/she will reimburse full award if first semester is not completed at college entered.