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**Re: American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships**

It is the 'mission' of the American Legion Auxiliary to advocate for and support our military veterans, current military members, and their children and grandchildren. Part of that mission is to educate our children. In that light, I am writing today to tell you about scholarships sponsored by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. Please encourage your students to learn more about these scholarships and how to apply for them. Each of the scholarships has a unique deadline and criteria and can be accessed online. They are also available by contacting the Unit President or other officer of the local **American Legion Auxiliary** in your community. The following scholarships are available.

**SAMSUNG American Legion Scholarship-** To show its appreciation for U.S. veterans who came to Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces during the Korean War, worldwide electronics leader Samsung, established a scholarship fund of \$5 million in 1966. The American Legion administers the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program, which is funded by the interest and other income from the endowment. Twenty youth nationwide receive this scholarship each year. Students who are finishing their junior year in high school and attend the American Legion's North Dakota Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State programs in June 2023 are eligible for the Samsung scholarship.

- Learn how to apply: <https://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application>

The **American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota, Past Presidents Parley** awards three scholarships each year. These scholarships may be used at a nursing school of the student's choice. Applicants must be a graduate of a North Dakota High school or if from out-of-state they must be a member of the American Legion Family.

- **Past Presidents Parley Nursing Scholarship** -- (2) \$500 scholarships are awarded annually
- **Past Presidents Parley Grace Holmes, MD Nursing Scholarship** -- (1) \$1000 scholarship is awarded annually

Department of North Dakota's Past Presidents Parley nursing scholarships applications are available online at [www.ndala.org](http://www.ndala.org) or by contacting the Auxiliary's Department Office at [secretary@ndala.org](mailto:secretary@ndala.org).

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota - Education Program** - The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Dakota, through its Education Program sponsors a program to assist students pursuing a degree in the field of their choice.

- Scholarships of \$500.00 are awarded to eligible students attending a college, university, or trade school in North Dakota.
- Membership and/or affiliation with the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary is not required for scholarship selection.
- Applications are available online at [www.ndala.org](http://www.ndala.org) or by contacting the Auxiliary's Department Office at [secretary@ndala.org](mailto:secretary@ndala.org).

**American Legion Auxiliary National Level Scholarships** - The **American Legion Auxiliary** sponsors one \$2,500 scholarship, two \$5000 scholarships and one \$2000 scholarship on the National level. Scholarships are awarded annually in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary. The eligibility criteria and rules as well as the applications can be found on the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters website at: [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org).

- **Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship (\$5,000)** – fifteen scholarships awarded nationwide, three in each of the five divisions. This scholarship is a gift, not a loan. Application for the Children of Warriors scholarship is available online only. Visit the American Legion Auxiliary National website at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org).
- **Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members (\$5,000)** – fifteen scholarships awarded nationwide, three in each of the five divisions. This scholarship is a gift, not a loan.
- **Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship (\$2,500)** – Ten scholarships awarded nationwide, two in each of the five divisions. This scholarship is a grant, not a loan.
- **Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students -- (\$2,000)** – five scholarships awarded, one in each of the five divisions. This scholarship is a gift, not a loan.

Thank you for your time today. I encourage you and your students to learn more about these scholarships by visiting the websites listed above or contacting the American Legion Department Office by email, [secretary@ndala.org](mailto:secretary@ndala.org) or by telephone at **701.253.5992**. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

Yours truly

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