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Since participating in a Quarterly National Education Zoom meeting and watching a webinar entitled “Navigating American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships” on the ALA Academy, I have a few tips on scholarships. The Junior Auxiliary Member Loyalty Scholarship has been renamed Member Loyalty Scholarship. All four (4) National Scholarship applications are now ONLINE ONLY: Children of Warriors National Presidents’ Scholarship, Spirit of Youth Scholarship, Member Loyalty Scholarship, and Non-Traditional Student Scholarship. The National Scholarship application deadline is March 1, 2025. www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships

When applying for national scholarships, you may save and finish completing the application later. However, attachments will not be saved so I suggest applicants not attach documents until ready to submit the application. In the event applicants don’t have confidential recommendation letters or transcripts, etc., they must create a document stating who the letters or transcripts, etc., would be coming from, and attach that document to the application. The applicant needs to request those sending confidential letters and transcripts include the name of the student applicant and what scholarship(s) they are applying for so they can be matched up with the applications at the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters.

Those applying for the Spirit of Youth and Member Loyalty Scholarships must be members for at least three years (2022, 2023, 2024) and have paid member dues for 2025 to qualify.

The Department of North Dakota’s Education Program Scholarships and Past Presidents Parley Nursing Scholarships are due April 1, 2025. www.ndala.org/education

Attendees of Girls State may apply for the Legion Samsung scholarship on the first day of Girls State, so applicants need to have researched and put together required documents before going to Girls State. www.ALAforVeterans.org

I hope these tips will help graduating seniors and those currently in college or going back to college in applying for scholarships.

Happy Spring!

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