

# A MEMBER'S ROLE WITH NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Legion Auxiliary has four<sup>1</sup> national scholarships that are awarded each year:

- Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship-15 \$5,000 scholarships
- Spirit of Youth Scholarship – 5 \$5,000 scholarships, up to 47 \$1,000 scholarships
- Non-Traditional Student Scholarship – 5 \$2,000 scholarships
- Member Loyalty Scholarship – 10 \$2,500 scholarships

Units and Departments have two roles:

1. The first is to make the public and especially our Junior members aware that scholarships are available, and that eligible people can apply.
2. The second role is for departments to evaluate applications to move one candidate on to the next level, so an overall winner may be chosen.

## Distributing Scholarship Information

1. First, find the scholarship information on the ALA website.
  - To make sure you have the most current version, visit <http://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships>
  - Be familiar with the information and keep information readily available, especially during Junior meetings.
  - Announce the scholarship information on social media so that the public is aware of the scholarship opportunities.
2. When announcing scholarship information, make sure to publicize the due date of the scholarship. Scholarship applications must be submitted on or before March 1 of each year. After this date, scholarship applications are not accepted.

<sup>1</sup> ALA HQ also awards Junior Members of the Year and ALA Girls Nation scholarships.

## Judging at Department Level

1. Departments should receive entries from the ALA National Headquarters on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Follow the scoring rubrics provided by ALA NHQ to determine the scholarship winner from your department. The selected entry for each department shall be certified by the department president and department secretary or Education chair and sent to the respective Division Education Chair to be received on or before April 1.