

NEED A LIFT?

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID GUIDE

The American Legion compiled this guide to assist students and parents in acquiring financial aid for post high school. It contains information about federal and state veterans' benefits, scholarships for veterans and their dependents, scholarships for Legionnaires and their families, tips on applying to college, a comprehensive list of colleges and universities, and information on careers. Go to www.needalift.org to find more information.



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

The American Legion and the National Education Association partnered to establish American Education Week more than 90 years ago. Today, the American Legion Auxiliary is not only a strong supporter but

also an official co-sponsor. Education is vital for a democracy to function. We support the efforts of children of veterans who desire an education



beyond high school. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary are encouraged to support local schools. Everyone benefits when children get a good education. Learn more at www.ALForVeterans.org or www.legion.org.

For information on scholarship and educational opportunities, visit us at www.ALForVeterans.org or www.legion.org.

For more information on any of the programs listed in this brochure, contact your local American Legion Auxiliary unit at:



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Scholarships for veterans,
their families and our members

Scholarship Opportunities



In the Spirit of Service Not Self
for Veterans, God and Country



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

Many of America's 1.9 million children of warriors are in need of financial assistance to further their education. The American Legion Auxiliary offers five \$3,500, five \$3,000, and five \$2,500 scholarships to high school students who are direct descendants (children and grandchildren), step-children or step-grandchildren of U.S. wartime veterans. To learn more about eligibility, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

Five scholarships are awarded to Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Current ALA Junior members who are in high school and who have been Junior members for the past three years are eligible to apply. Visit www.ALAforVeterans.org for more information.

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship helps people who are part of The American Legion Family pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted. Five scholarships are awarded.

DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Additional scholarships are offered in each ALA department (state) and through many local ALA units and Legion posts. More than \$1 million is awarded every year.

The amount, deadlines, and qualifications vary, so contact the local American Legion Auxiliary unit in your area for more information. Department and local scholarships are also listed in the *Need a Lift?* guide provided by The American Legion.



JAMES H. PARKE MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

This \$10,000 scholarship is awarded to a deserving high school student who has volunteered at least 100 hours in the Veterans Affairs healthcare system during the past year. This scholarship is awarded annually at the VA Voluntary Service meeting in the spring. The Auxiliary contributes \$2,000 annually toward this scholarship. Eligibility information can be found at www.volunteer.va.gov/ParkeScholarship.asp or by contacting your local VAVS office.

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIPS

ALA Girls State and American Legion Boys State citizens who are direct descendants of wartime veterans have the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. Nearly a quarter million dollars is awarded annually to Girls and Boys State citizens nationally. Visit www.legion.org for more information on applying and eligibility requirements.

THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to high school seniors or graduates whose parent(s) were of active-duty military, Guard, and Reserve personnel who were federalized and died while serving our country on or after September 11, 2001. Visit www.legion.org for details.

EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

One \$10,000 and three \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to outstanding Eagle Scouts. Visit www.legion.org for more information.

LEGION BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships based on leadership and sportsmanship are awarded to selected participants in The American Legion Baseball program. Visit www.legion.org for more information.



ORATORICAL CONTEST

Department (state) winners receive a \$1,500 scholarship, and the national oratorical contest winner receives an \$18,000 scholarship. High school students are eligible to compete, and local deadlines vary. Visit www.legion.org for more information.

LUNG AND RESPIRATORY DISEASE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to assist registered nurses with advanced preparation for positions in supervision, administration or teaching. Students must have employment prospects in specific positions upon completion of their education, and the position must have a full-time and direct relationship to pediatric lung and respiratory control. Visit www.legion.org for application details.