

National Scholarships				
Scholarship	Criteria/Eligibility	Support Documents/Requirements	Where sent	Deadlines
Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship	Direct descendant of a veteran with Legion eligibility Senior year of high school	Scholarship application form- ONLINE ONLY 50 hours community service with verification 2 letters of recommendation (1 from either school or clergy and 1 from adult non-relative citizen) <i>Go to the following link to current year information:</i> https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/children-of-warriors Transcript Brief Statement of military service parent or grandparent	To National Headquarters National emails to Dept. office Dept. office sends to Division Education Chmn.	March 1 st March 15 th April 1 st
Non-Traditional Student	Eligibility to any veteran or active-duty military spouse. Returning to school after interrupted education. Beginning education later in life Cannot be previous Spirit of Youth recipient	Scholarship application form- ONLINE ONLY Copy of high school or college transcript if applicable Work history or military service, if applicable <i>Go to the following link to current year information:</i> https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/non-traditional-student	To National Headquarters National emails to Dept. office Dept. office sends to Division Education Chmn.	March 1 st March 15 th April 1 st
Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members	Junior member, dues paid for last three years with current membership card May also apply for the Illinois Scholarship for Junior Members	Scholarship application form – ONLINE ONLY 2 letters of recommendation (1 from either school or clergy and 1 from adult, non-relative citizen) <i>Go to the following link for current year information:</i> https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/spirit-of-youth Transcript	To National Headquarters National emails to Dept. office Dept. office sends to Division Education Chmn.	March 1 st March 15 th April 1 st
Member Loyalty Scholarship	Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2023, 2024, and 2025) and be a paid member for the current (2026) membership year. Applicant must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period. No interruption in education for the completion of the Bachelor's degree. At least a 3.0 GPA using 4.0 scale.	Scholarship application form - ONLINE ONLY College Transcripts or photocopy of college transcripts <i>Go to the following link for current year information:</i> https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/junior-member-loyalty Previous ALA National Scholarship recipients are welcome to apply.	To National Headquarters National email to Dept. office Dept. office sends to Division Education Chmn.	March 1 st March 15 th April 1 st

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TAL Samsung	Premier Boys State attendees ALA Illini Girls State attendees	Must be downloaded and submitted online	www.legion.org/scholarships	Boys State ALA Girls State 1 st day of respective session
James H. Parke	See website address	https://www.volunteer.va.gov/ParkeScholarship.asp	Due to VA	Nov 1

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Children and Youth	Applicant must be working towards a degree in Education with emphasis on the subject required for teaching mentally or physically challenged children. Sophomore or Junior in college. Class rank in upper half of the class.	Scholarship application form Letter from the sponsoring Unit 2 - letters of recommendation all on letterhead <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One letter, from an educator or a clergyperson of the applicant's choice. One letter from an adult — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership. No more than 500-word essay where applicant states the motivation for choosing special education and goals they have for after graduation. Unit must have contributed to the Dept. Children & Youth Scholarship Fund	To sponsoring Unit To Department Children and Youth Chairman, Deadline for donation	March 15 th April 1 st March 15th
Past Presidents Parley Nurses Scholarship	Senior in High School or graduate of accredited High School Enrolled in accredited nursing school or hospital program May apply annually	Scholarship application form Applicants essay – reasons for choosing a nursing career 3 letters of recommendation all on letterhead <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One letter, from an educator or a clergyperson of the applicant's choice. One letter from an adult — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership. The President of the sponsoring ALA Unit Most recent Federal Income Tax Return Grade Transcript Unit must have contributed to the Past Presidents Parley Nurses Scholarship fund and remitted Past Presidents Parley Dues	To sponsoring Unit To Department Past Presidents Parley Chairman Deadline for donation	April 10 th May 1 st April 10th
Edna Mae Unfer Nurses Scholarship	Shall be 30 years of age or older Must be seeking a career in Nursing and currently accepted into an accredited nursing program or enrolled in classes required for the nursing program May apply annually	Scholarship application form 3 letters of recommendation all on letterhead <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One letter, from an educator or a clergyperson of the applicant's choice. One letter from an adult — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership. The President of the sponsoring ALA Unit Copy of the latest Federal Income Tax Return Grade Transcript	To sponsoring Unit To the Department Past President's Parley Chairman	April 10 th May 1 st

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Ada Mucklestone	Graduating high school seniors May only apply once	Scholarship application form 2 letters of recommendation all on letterhead <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One letter, from an educator or a clergyperson of the applicant's choice. One letter from an adult — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership. List of volunteer activities and hours No more than 1000 word essay: <i>"How My Education Shapes My Future"</i> Certified transcript DD214 or statement of Veteran's Service Copy of Federal tax return on which student is claimed Unit must have contributed to the Dept. Education Fund	To sponsoring Unit	March 15 th
			To Department Education Committee Member Deadline for donation	April 1 st March 15th
Mildred R. Knoles	Students already in College May apply ANNUALLY	Scholarship application form 2 letters of recommendation all on letterhead <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One letter, from an educator or a clergyperson of the applicant's choice. One letter from an adult — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership. List of volunteer activities and hours No more than 1000 word essay: <i>"Describe how your education will shape your personal and professional goals, and how you plan to give back to others through it."</i> Certified transcript DD214 or statement of Veteran's Service Copy of Federal tax return (parents and student or veteran's own) Unit must have contributed to the Dept. Education Fund	To sponsoring Unit	March 15 th
			To Department Education Committee Member Deadline for donation	April 1 st March 15th

Illinois Scholarship for Junior Members	Shall be/Have been Junior members who are graduating high school seniors	Scholarship application form 2 letters of recommendation all on letterhead 3. One letter, from an educator or a clergyperson of the applicant's choice. 4. One letter from an adult — other than relatives — attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership. List of volunteer activities and hours No more than 1000 word essay: <i>"The Veteran in My Life"</i> Certified transcript DD214 or statement of Veteran's Service Copy of Federal tax return (parents and student or veteran's own) Unit must have contributed to the Dept. Education Fund	To sponsoring Unit	March 15 th
	Junior Member dues paid for last three years with current 2026 membership card May only apply once May also apply for the National Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members		To Department Education Committee Member Deadline for donation	April 1 st March 15th

If you have any questions please contact the Department of Illinois, American Legion Auxiliary,
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