



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA ANNA GEAR JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Virginia, offers **three (3) scholarships** (one in each of our Department Zones), **in the amount of \$1,000 each**, to **eligible Junior Auxiliary members**.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants for this scholarship shall be Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Applicant will have held a Junior membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three (3) years and a membership card for the current year. Applicant must continue her membership for the scholarship year.
2. Applicants must be in the senior year of an accredited High School within the State of Virginia.
3. This is a one (1) year scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education **as** a full-time student.
4. The following three (3) letters of recommendation are required:
 - a. One (1) letter from either the Principal or Guidance Counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate; the letter should include the size of the class, the student's position in the class, and the student's cumulative grade point average.
 - b. Two (2) letters from adult citizens, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.
5. An original article consisting of no more than 500 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the article/essay will be **"The Value of Volunteering in the Community."**
6. Applicant must have completed thirty (30) hours of volunteer service within the community. A letter from the recipient's organization(s) verifying the hours of voluntary service must accompany the application.
7. The completed application packet shall be returned to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President in the Applicant's community by **MARCH 1ST**, to be forwarded to the Department Education Chairman by **MARCH 15TH**.
8. No Unit may enter more than one (1) applicant.
9. **The scholarship shall be paid in a lump sum directly to the Institution upon written notification of the applicant's final acceptance.** The scholarship will be applied to the first year following graduation from High School. If the student does not complete the year, any refund of our funds shall be returned to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Virginia.
10. Once selected, the recipient of the Anna Gear Junior Scholarship and the Unit sponsoring her will be notified by the Department Education Chairman.
11. Either the Department Education Chairman or her designee will present a Scholarship Acknowledgement Letter to the recipient during her local school's Awards Assembly. When possible, this designee will be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.
12. The name of the recipient of this scholarship will be announced by the Education Chairman at the Department Convention. She shall provide the recipient's information to the Department Secretary/Treasurer prior to Convention.
13. Applications can be obtained online.



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ANNA GEAR JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Last

First

Middle

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Membership #: _____ Date of Enrollment: _____

Unit Name and Number: _____

Name of Veteran through whom Applicant is eligible: _____

Relationship to Veteran: _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Proposed date of graduation from High School: _____

Name of College/University you plan to attend: _____

Address of College/University: _____

Have you been accepted in writing? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please attach a copy of the acceptance letter.

Attach a list of activities which you have participated in while in High School and/or activities in which you have participated in the community.

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian: _____

Print or Type Full Name _____

Signed _____ Date _____ (Applicant)
(Applicant)

Signature of Sponsoring Unit President _____

Unit Name and Number _____ Date _____