



DEPARTMENT GIFT SCHOLARSHIPS 2015/2016

Available For Washington State Residents Only

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington will award two (2) Scholarships of \$400.00 each. One \$400.00 Scholarship will be reserved for the Department entry for the National President's Scholarship. The remaining Scholarship will be awarded following the rules stated below.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates for this award must be in their senior year of an accredited high school. They **cannot** have attended an institution of higher learning. Students who earn college credits while in high school are eligible to apply.
2. They must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a deceased or disabled veteran.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- ___ 1. A completed application form for the Department Gift Scholarship.
- ___ 2. A typed list of church, school and community organizations to which the applicant belongs, including any offices held.
- ___ 3. The following three letters of recommendation are required:
 - a. One letter from the principal, guidance counselor or a teacher of the high school in which the applicant attends.
 - b. Two letters from adults, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character.
- ___ 4. An original typed article consisting of no more than 300 words on the topic:
"My Desire to Further My Education"
- ___ 5. A certified transcript of the High School grades of applicant.
- ___ 6. A brief typed statement of the military service of the Veteran through whom applicant is eligible. Include branch of service and dates of service or a photocopy of Veteran's discharge papers.

RULES

1. Applicants must present the completed application packet to their school counselor or their local American Legion Auxiliary Education Chairman prior to **March 1st, 2016**.
2. Judging at all levels shall be on the following basis: character, leadership, scholarship, basis of need, and essay.
3. The Scholarship must be used within twelve (12) months of the date that the winner receives notification from the Department Education Chairman or Department Secretary. Scholarship may be renewed for another year upon reapplication.
4. The Scholarship money must be requested from Department Headquarters with the **Scholarship Payment Form** that will be sent to the recipient.

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington
Department Gift Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

Name of veteran by whom applicant is eligible: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Deceased: Yes _____ No _____

If veteran is living, describe type of disability: _____

Occupation of father or stepfather: _____ Annual **Gross** Income \$ _____

Occupation of mother or stepmother: _____ Annual **Gross** Income \$ _____

Number of dependent children in the household: under 18 years of age, _____ over 18 years of age, _____

Grade Levels _____

Total **monthly** VA benefits, other government compensation, or pension received by parents and/or children living in household \$ _____

Name of High School /Location: _____

Proposed date of graduation: _____

Name and address of institution of higher learning to which you have applied for admittance:

I hereby apply for the \$400.00 Department of Washington Gift Scholarship. I attest that the information I have submitted in this application and its' attachments is accurate. Further, I understand, should I be awarded the scholarship, I am obligated to use the money toward furthering my education. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting the scholarship and returning the money to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Please be sure to attach all required materials to this application and submit to your High School Counselor or local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Education Chairman prior to **March 1st, 2016.**

For local Unit information look in the telephone directory under American Legion or contact the Department Education Chairman Karen Grimes at kshrt14@comcast.com.