

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Illinois
2024-2025

**SUBJECT: ADA MUCKLESTONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP –
(For graduating High School senior)**

Applicants for this award shall be children or grandchildren or great-grandchildren of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion, (a) April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918 (WWI) (b) Any time after December 7, 1941. Applicant must be a resident of the State of Illinois or a member in good standing of The American Legion Family, Department of Illinois.

The Ada Mucklestone Memorial Scholarship will provide \$1000 scholarships as funds permit.

The full amount of the scholarship will be paid for the first semester. Each winning applicant will be required to sign an agreement that if he/she does not complete the first semester of school as planned, arrangements must be made with the American Legion Auxiliary within thirty (30) days for the return of the full amount of the scholarship.

RULES GOVERNING THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Applicant must be in his/her senior year or a graduate of an accredited high school, but he/she may not have attended an institution of higher learning. (College courses taken while High School student does not apply) **Those pursuing a NURSING career are not eligible for the Ada Mucklestone and MUST apply to our Nurses Scholarship program even if they are enrolling in a college school of nursing.**
2. Application for the Ada Mucklestone Memorial Scholarship **must be secured from and returned to the sponsoring Unit.**
3. **A Unit may enter ONLY ONE APPLICANT IN DEPARTMENT COMPETITION sponsored under the Education Program and an applicant may be sponsored by only one Unit.**
4. If a Unit has more than one Applicant, a committee of three qualified people shall be appointed to serve as judges. If you have more than one applicant, you can always check with another Unit about sponsoring one. Judging as follows:
 - A. **CHARACTER/LEADERSHIP - 25%** - High standard of conduct; keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to truth and conscience; devotion to church and religious principles and volunteerism, ability to lead and to accomplish through group action; personal magnetism; guidance and thought of others.
 - B. **ESSAY - 25%** - Content and spelling.
 - C. **SCHOLARSHIP - 25%** - Scholastic attainment with grades of senior year and rating in class; evidence of industry and application in studies.
 - D. **BASIS OF NEED - 25%** - Actual need of financial assistance to continue higher education.

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APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SPONSORING UNIT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NO LATER THAN MARCH ~~15~~ 2025.

(Application will not be returned.) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

1. Name of applicant _____
Address _____ /Email _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone Number (include Area Code) _____ Date of Birth _____
2. Name and relationship of veteran through whom applicant is eligible:

3. Is this person currently active military or Reserve? _____
4. Number of dependent children in family under 18 years _____ Over 18 _____
Grade levels: _____
5. Number in family occupying home _____
6. Total monthly government compensation or pension received by parent and/or children \$ _____
7. Monthly compensation or pension for applicant if parent has remarried or is deceased \$ _____
8. Are you eligible for benefits under Survivors and Dependents Education? YES _____ NO _____
9. Proposed date of graduation from High School _____
10. Name of College/University you plan on attending _____
11. **Degree/Degrees and Career Field** you plan to pursue _____
