

The American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Fund acknowledges in a small way the dedication and accomplishments of all women of the American Legion Auxiliary who have devoted their time and service to the principles of this great organization and to the nation.



It is important to present scholarships to youth connected with our organization. We hear time and again how receiving a scholarship makes a huge difference in a person's life, providing unimagined experiences and opportunities.

These scholarships are possible only with your contributions to the Spirit of Youth Fund.

***"America is too great for small dreams."
– Ronald Reagan***

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

March 1 of each calendar year is the application deadline for the scholarship for Junior members. Recipients are informed in late spring. The other two scholarships supported by this fund are awarded in conjunction with ALA Girls Nation and the National Junior Meeting.

Download the application today at:
www.legion-aux.org

***"Remember that our nation's first great leaders were also our first great scholars."
– John F. Kennedy***

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MISSION STATEMENT:

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY VISION STATEMENT:

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.



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**Investing in youth is investing
in America's future**

Spirit of Youth Fund



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



Education is vital to democracy, and college prepares America's youth for a lifetime of learning and good citizenship. We believe the more knowledge our students gain, the better citizens they become.

EDUCATING TOMORROW'S PATRIOTS

Established in 1983, the American Legion Auxiliary's Spirit of Youth Fund provides scholarships to the ALA Girls Nation Program, the Honorary National Junior President as well as scholarships for Junior members. All donations to the fund are divided between several scholarship opportunities. The common thread: The scholarships are all for America's youth.



"The American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship has been a blessing in my life. It has supported a huge part of the financial load that comes with attending a university."

– Lori Sandberg, Laramie, WY

SUPPORTING FUTURE SCHOLARS

Your American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Fund donations provide scholarships. Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary awards five four-year \$4,000 scholarships, payable at \$1,000 per year, to selected ALA Junior members who are seniors in high school. The Spirit of Youth Fund also provides annual scholarships to:

★ ALA Girls Nation President: In an age where change is the name of the game, ALA Girls Nation has remained our premier, prestigious program teaching the basic ideals and principles of our democracy for more than six decades. With both pride and humility, the Auxiliary leaders of today continue to support this highly effective citizenship training program, believing that by educating our youth, we are helping to ensure the survival of the greatest republic in the world. That's lasting value.

★ Honorary National Junior President: From a very young age, American Legion Auxiliary Junior members are exposed to the passion our organization has for Service Not Self. Through leadership training and the practice of time-honored traditions, Junior members are prepared for their role as the future leaders of our organization.

"It has made the difference between attending a two-year school and a four-year university. I am so very thankful for the opportunity it has given me to pursue my dreams."

– Raychael Garringer, Williamsburg, IA

GIFTING FOR FUTURE IMPACT

Contributions from individuals, estates, Auxiliary units and departments are needed to continue awarding scholarships to today's youth. Your donation to the Auxiliary's Spirit of Youth Fund is that critical helping hand to deserving students needing financial assistance for college.



By instilling patriotism and respect for this great nation, we are passing on to succeeding generations the values, ethics and ideals of a free society, fundamental principles of our nation and of the American Legion Auxiliary.

HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

To make a difference, please mail a check or money order payable to American Legion Auxiliary National Treasurer, with "Spirit of Youth Fund" in the check memo line.

Mail to:

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Thank you for making dreams a reality by supporting our young scholars!