

Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship application may be submitted online only.

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15 - \$5,000 scholarships awarded to students across the country

1. Where can a student find the application?

- Applications may be downloaded at www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Children-of-Warriors-National-Presidents-Scholarship/

2. When is the scholarship deadline?

- March 1 is the final deadline. The local unit evaluate the applications. The selected entry will then be passed on to the department (state) and eventually to the national chairman.
- Winners will be announced in May via social media and on the national website www.ALAforVeterans.org.
- Letters will be mailed in May to winners and their sponsoring units.
- A list of winners will be emailed in May to department secretaries and education chairmen

3. Can anyone apply for the National Presidents' Scholarship?

- Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, great-grandsons (direct descendants) of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion, listed below:
 - Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, or great-grandsons of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941.
- Membership in The American Legion or The Legion Family is not required.
- Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
- Students younger than senior but taking college courses are not eligible.
- Homeschooled students may apply providing they are the equivalent of a high school senior.
- Students who have already graduated high school and/or are currently enrolled in college are not eligible.

4. Is community service required and how many hours?

- 50 hours of volunteer service is required to be eligible for this scholarship.

- Verification of the time served must be in writing from the recipient organization(s).
 - Hours served volunteering for the ALA and The Legion Family are acceptable.
 - For documentation purposes the Unit President or Post Commander should sign off on the hours by writing a letter.
 - Hours may be spread over the course of the applicant's high school career.
 - Hours may be from one organization or spread across several.
 - If spread across several, documentation must come from each organization.
 - The exception being if the various organizations were arranged through the applicant's school. Then a single letter from the applicant's school counselor listing all the organizations and hours will be sufficient.
5. Is a letter from a clergy person really required?
- Yes. The applicant does not need to be a member of a church, however, nor is the clergy person restricted to one religion or another.
 - The letter can be from a clergy person by acquaintance, someone who can speak for the applicant's good moral, character.
 - If a letter from a clergy person is not included, the application should be deemed incomplete.
 - This question arises every year and the response has been that the requirements of Auxiliary scholarships were established by former national leaders and cannot be waived. Our mission statement and everything we stand for begins with our Preamble "For God and Country." Requiring a letter from a clergy person is a reasonable requirement.
6. My parents aren't comfortable making copies of our FAFSA due to privacy concerns. Are there other options?
- You may include a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) instead of the full FAFSA. The SAR is the email confirmation you get when you submit your FAFSA. You may also submit your FAFSA with your social security number blacked out. However when you print your FAFSA, those numbers should already be crossed out.
7. Where do applicants turn in their scholarship entry?
- Scholarship entries are to be turned into your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
 - Students may contact their department (state) to locate a unit if needed.

- Some departments may accept applications directly from the student. This varies by department.

8. What happens to the scholarship entry after it has been turned in?

- Scholarship entries are evaluated at the unit where the entry is submitted. After it has been selected at the unit level, it is then to be judged at the department level. If the entry is selected by the state, then the entry is judged and certified one last time at the division level. There will be three winners in each of the 5 divisions. These entries are certified the winners and receive the scholarship.

9. How is the scholarship judged?

- Character/Leadership 25%
- Essay/ Application 25%
- Financial Need 25%
- Academic Achievement 25%