



AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

The American Legion Auxiliary has a program that was established in 1969, that gives something back to our members when they need it the most, namely the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). Let's make every member aware that the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is there if they need it.

At the National Convention in Salt Lake City in 2006, the convention passed two Resolutions about the AEF fund:

Resolution #1-- that the name "Displaced Homemakers" no longer be used.

Resolution #2-- spells out for the Grant Committee the assistances that are available through Auxiliary Emergency Fund;

1. Emergency Grants—Temporary assistance to eligible members during time of financial crisis.
2. Disaster Grants—Temporary assistance to victims of weather related emergencies and natural disasters.
3. Educational Grants—Temporary assistance for educational training for members who have become the main sources of support for their family.

In all cases the assistance is to be short term, temporary assistance to assist members until other financial assistance can be secured.

To be eligible for grants, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary who have maintained membership for at least the immediate past two consecutive years AND have paid dues for the current year. The maximum amount of any grant is \$2400.

Applications may be obtained from the American Legion Auxiliary website—www.Legion-Aux.org or from the Department. The member must complete the application and present it to the member's local Unit. The Unit President and Unit Secretary are required to review the completed application, verify information and send it to Department for further verification and it will then be transmitted to National Headquarters. **All applications are confidential.**

This program needs to be funded each year, let's educate our members on this very important member benefit. Contributions should be sent to the **Department** office, and please earmark them for Auxiliary Emergency Fund. There are many ways to collect funds within your unit, be creative and have fun.

The National Headquarters will give recognition to the unit and department contributing the most donations to AEF with a citation Plaque. Lapel pin recognition will be to contributors donating \$25 or more. Citation recognition will be given to department, units or individuals that contribute \$100 or more to the AEF.

Let's have "**FAITH**" that all our "**ROSES**" will increase their donations so we can top last year's contributions. The district will be recognized that has given the most contributions.

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