



**SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
DIRECTIONS  
2015**

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Completing a scholarship application can be a difficult task. Below are some tips to help you complete your application.

1. Application must be typed or completed online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). Scroll over the "Programs" headline at the top of the page, and in the drop-down box, click on "Scholarships". The Samsung American Legion Scholarship will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> scholarship from the top.
2. Do not attach any documents or additional pages to the application, except as required.
3. Review the entire application before completing it. If a field is left blank, it will count against you. If you cannot answer a question, put a reason in the field.
4. Proofread your answers/essays in this application in addition to having at least one other person proofread your application. Spelling errors or poor writing skills will have a negative effect on your chances of receiving the scholarship. Incomplete/unprofessional applications will be rejected.
5. Use a computer to prepare your final document. Applications will not be considered if they are handwritten.
6. Each application is judged on its own merit so include any information that makes you exceptional and a good candidate to receive the award.
7. Keep a copy of everything you submit!
8. Pay close attention to scholarship application deadlines as applications submitted past the deadline will not be considered. Contact your American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program to determine its application deadline and procedure for submitting the application. Normally, the application is submitted when you arrive at your respective program.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I am the (state relationship) \_\_\_\_\_ of (veteran's name) \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's address (if living) \_\_\_\_\_

who served on **active duty** during one or more of the following periods of war. Check the appropriate war period:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> World War I - Apr. 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada - Aug. 24, 1982 - Jul. 31, 1984                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> World War II - Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946 | <input type="checkbox"/> Panama - Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean War - June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955  | <input type="checkbox"/> Persian Gulf War - Aug. 2, 1990 - Until cessation of hostilities        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam War - Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975   | <input type="checkbox"/> Includes Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, & War on Terrorism |

**High School Record – This section is to be completed by a high school official. (May be handwritten.)**

Number of students in high school \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students in applicant's class \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ GPA scale is \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. 4 point, 6 point, 12 point, etc.)

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores Math \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Written \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ **and/or** ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

**Type/print name and title  
Affix school stamp or seal**

**For Department Selection Committee Use Only**

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Honors & Awards \_\_\_\_\_

Descendant of Korean War Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Community Service/Volunteerism \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name and occupation:

Mother's name and occupation:

List brothers and/or sisters and their ages.

NAME AGE

**Please indicate your job or work experiences. List dates "from – to." List number of hours per week/month and total hours. List any responsibilities/accomplishments.**

**In 500 words or less, describe your most significant challenge or accomplishment and explain its value to your life.**

**In 500 words or less, explain your long-range goals for school and career. Describe what specific skills and personal values you want to foster in yourself to achieve these ends.**

**Describe any circumstances that may affect your family's ability to provide for your college education.**

**Describe any community service /volunteer work in which you have been involved during your high school career (grades nine through eleven). If your community service/volunteer work was required, explain why.**

**Activities** - List the school clubs, teams, and organizations you belonged to or participated in during grades nine (9) through eleven (11). List the dates you participated (mm/yy), number of hours per week or month, total hours and accomplishments or honors earned.

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List the non-school clubs, teams, and organizations you belonged to or participated in during grades nine (9) through eleven (11). List the dates you participated (mm/yy), number of hours per week or month, total hours and accomplishments or honors earned.

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**State/National Awards and Honors.** List up to five state or national awards/honors you have received. (For example, All-State Choir, National Merit Semifinalist.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**School/Local Awards and Honors.** List up to five school or local awards/honors you have received. (For example, DAR Good Citizen Award, 4-H, Scholastic Athlete Award.) The fact that you are submitting this application presumes that you have participated in a Boys State or Girls State Program. Do not include that program as a School/Local Award or Honor.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**In 500 words or less, describe what do you like to do for fun and/or enjoyment?**

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**CERTIFICATION**

If I am selected as a scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree and hereby grant permission to The American Legion and Samsung Group to use my likeness and name in announcing and promoting this scholarship program. I understand and agree that the National Selection Committee is solely responsible for the selection of the scholarship winners and its decision is final. I have completed the scholarship application and have attached the veteran's verification document. I grant permission to the school of higher education I attend to release information concerning my enrollment status, academic standing and financial need to The American Legion for use in administering my scholarship award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that falsification of information will result in termination of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

If my child is selected as a scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree and hereby grant permission to The American Legion and Samsung Group to use my child's likeness and name in announcing and promoting this scholarship program. I understand and agree that the National Selection Committee is solely responsible for the selection of the scholarship winners and its decision is final. My child has completed the scholarship application and has attached the veteran's verification document. I grant permission to the school of higher education my child attends to release information concerning my child's enrollment status, academic standing and financial need to The American Legion for use in administering my child's scholarship award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that falsification of information will result in termination of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Parent's Signature

Note: 1. If a legal guardian signs this certification, all personal pronouns shall be deemed to be read as if singular and not plural and 2. A copy of the appointment of the legal guardian signing must be attached.

**Attach to this application documentation showing veteran served on active duty during eligibility period(s) indicated on front of this application. *SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO YOUR BOYS/GIRLS STATE PROGRAM OFFICIALS AS DIRECTED.***

**The Rules and Conditions under which the scholarships are awarded and the program administered shall be:**

1. Those eligible to apply for the scholarships shall be students who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans who served during one or more of the periods of war officially designated as such by the United States government: World War I - April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918; World War II - December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946; Korean War - June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955; Vietnam War - February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975; Lebanon and Grenada - August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984; Panama - December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990 and Persian Gulf War - August 2, 1990 to cessation of hostilities as determined by the United States government.
2. The annual Samsung American Legion Scholarship applicant pool will include one representative from each American Legion Boys State program; one representative from each American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program; and one high school junior boy and one high school junior girl from the Department of Hawaii. From this pool of "state finalists" scholarship recipients will be selected by the National Committee on Education. These scholarship recipients will be known as "Samsung American Legion Scholars."
3. *Samsung American Legion Scholars* will have six (6) years to utilize their scholarship funds from the date of graduation from high school, excluding any time spent on active military duty or church mission. Remaining *State Finalists* will have two (2) years to utilize their scholarship funds from the date of graduation from high school, excluding any time spent on active military duty or church mission.
4. The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited U.S. college or university. The recipients must be enrolled as a full-time student to request his/her scholarship funds. The number and amount of the scholarship awards will be determined by the income derived from the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Trust.
5. The scholarship funds may only be used to defray necessary costs of the student's education (i.e. tuition, room & board, books & supplies, fees and equipment required by the student's particular course of study or school). A student may request any amount up to and including his/her total scholarship award at one time. The amount of the fund request cannot exceed the cost of education. Students may make only one (1) request for funds per semester or quarter.
6. Scholarship checks will be issued upon receipt of a "Request for Funds" form. It is the normal and customary procedure that the scholarship check will be a two-party check made payable to the student and school. Students who have not requested their award will receive one (1) written notice reminding them of their award and the time limits remaining to receive their award. State finalists will receive their notice prior to their last year of eligibility. Samsung American Legion Scholars will receive their notice with two years of eligibility remaining.
7. Unused scholarship funds will be returned to the scholarship trust fund for future awards.



## Proof of Military Service

Documentation may include, but is not limited to copies of, Department of Defense documents, Department of the Army documents, Department of the Navy documents, Department of the Air Force documents, Department of Veterans Affairs documents (federal or state), American Legion documents, Obituaries, and entries in a family *Bible* or *Holy Scriptures*.

The following locations may be of assistance.

Many certificates of discharge prior to 1979 do not appear to be “official” documents as many were typed onto a sheet of paper. If you are unsure if it is an official document, please ask your American Legion service officer. Department Service Officers are listed by state at <http://www.legion.org/serviceofficer> or download The American Legion Claims CoachMobile App through Google Play or iTunes App Store.

The National Archives and Records Administration: [www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/index.html)

The County Clerk and Records Office where the veteran resided.

The funeral home may have kept a copy if military honors were provided.

Monument company if VA headstone or marker was ordered.

If the veteran had utilized a VA Home Loan there may be a copy of the DD214 with the title documentation.

Veterans who have signed up for EBENEFITS through the Veterans Administration may be able to obtain a printable copy from <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>

The State Director of Veterans Affairs may have received a copy of the veterans DD214 at the time of discharge from military service. This will be specific to the state in which the veterans home of record.