



American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship

The American Legion was Founded by an Act of Congress after World War I. The American Legion fiercely advocates for the unique needs of every generation of veterans, service members, and their families who pledge to protect our nation.

This scholarship opportunity is offered by the Ellensburg American Legion Auxiliary with cooperation from the Ellensburg American Legion, American Legion Sons and Legion Riders.

Scholarship Award amount is \$3,000.00

A completed application and supporting documentation must be received by Deadline: **April 10th 2026 to be considered.**

Eligibility:

Applicants graduating from Ellensburg High School, Ellensburg Christian School, Thorp, Kittitas, and Cle Elum in 2026 and who have been accepted into a College, University or Trade School for the 2026-2027 calendar year.

Applicants must have a family member who is currently serving or has served in the US Armed Forces.

(Family members include Father, Mother, Grandfather or Grandmother who served in the US Armed Forces and were discharged under anything other than dishonorable discharge. US Armed Forces include service in the US Army, US Navy, US Marines, US Air Force, US Space Force and Coast Guard National Guard.)

Minimum GPA of 3.0 required.

If you meet these requirements and would like to apply to be considered for this scholarship:

- Complete the application.
- Submit a written essay consisting of 500-1000 words describing what the military means to you and your family/How the military impacted you and your family.
- Provide the required documentation as proof of military affiliation.
(See included list of what is acceptable proof)
- Copy of Student ID
- Copy of Government issued ID (if no state ID we need some form of proof of physical home address)
- Copy of Students transcripts including GPA
- Two letters of Recommendation (one from a professor or teacher and one personal)

Additional Scholarship Information:

- One scholarship is awarded each year.
- This scholarship will be awarded to one applicant in the amount of \$3,000.00.
- Scholarship funding will be sent directly to the awardees educational institution.
- Under no circumstances will the funding be sent or given directly to the awardee.
- Awardee will be chosen by The American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Committee.
- Funds may be used for tuition, books, academic fees and board.

Recipient (Awardee) must provide the American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Committee with the following information regarding their college or trade school acceptance for the release of funds:

- School Name
- School Financial Aid Office address
- Schools Financial Aid contact name and phone number

All American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship awards will be held in trust by the American Legion Auxiliary until the recipient provides proof of enrollment in a qualified post high school education program. If the recipient chooses to postpone their education, they must contact the American Legion Auxiliary. If the Auxiliary is not contacted within one year of receiving the scholarship, the scholarship will be forfeited.

Applications can be mailed to:

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1004
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Or dropped off in person at the American Legion between the hours of noon and 7pm.
American Legion Post 8
1101 E Craig Ave
Ellensburg, WA 98926

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Application

General Information

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number : (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Number of years you have resided in Ellensburg/Kittitas County: _____

Age: _____ D.O.B _____ Sex: _____

Education Information:

Applicants High School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

GPA: _____

(Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required)

College/University or Trade School to which you have been accepted for the 2025-2026 academic year. _____

(Include copy of acceptance letter)

Military Family Affiliation Information:

Name of Qualifying Military Family Member
(Father, Mother, Grandfather or Grandmother): _____

Relationship: _____

Years of Service: _____

(Attach required proof. See list of acceptable items)

Supporting Documentation Checklist:

- Completed application.
- Written essay consisting of 500-1000 words describing what the military means to you and your family/How the military impacted you and your family.
- Copy of Student ID
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- Copy of Students Transcripts including GPA
- Provide the required documentation as proof of military affiliation.
(See *included list of what is acceptable proof*)

Acceptable Military Affiliation Documentation:

- Form DD214 (Official discharge certificate)
- Official "Honorable Discharge" certificate
- Form DD1300 (Official military death certificate)
- Official record of burial in a military cemetery issued by the National Cemetery
- Current or former military ID card
- Current or former LES (Leave and Earnings Statement)
- ANY OTHER DOCUMENT LISTED ON THE "Military Service Verification Documents List"

Unacceptable:

- Any otherwise "acceptable" document that is illegible
- Obituaries
- Pictures of military headstones
- Pictures of service members in uniform
- Entries in non-military and/or non-official records or books
- Membership cards from veterans organizations
- VA Healthcare Cards
- Selective Service Registration Card

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