

FIRST DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 2024 MERIT AWARD APPLICATION

1. Name of applicant _____
Address _____
Date of birth _____ Phone # _____

2. Name and address of Parents/Guardians _____

3. Number of children in your family: Under age of 18 _____ Over the age of 18 _____

4. Parents/Guardians occupations and yearly income:
Father _____ \$ _____
Mother _____ \$ _____
Guardians _____ \$ _____
Applicant _____ \$ _____

5. Are you a member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion or the American Legion Riders? _____ Circle those that apply.

6. List the veteran under whom you qualify for membership or merit award.

What is your relationship to that veteran? _____

7. Present educational status: Check one: _____ High School Senior _____ College/university
School name, address and phone number _____

8. Name the school that you desire to attend or are attending and the major you will be studying:
School _____ City _____
Major _____

9. Have you been awarded another scholarship? Yes _____ No _____
If so, list the amounts _____

Signature of applicant

Date

American Legion or Auxiliary member
Verifying the applicant's eligibility

Date

Attach to this application with all the information listed in rule #7 on the opposite page. The application must be submitted to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit by March 18. The Unit will then send the application before April 1 to the District Merit Chairperson.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FIRST DISTRICT MERIT AWARD

1. Candidate for this award shall be a veteran or the parent, spouse, widow, son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a veteran.
2. Candidates must be a member or resident of the First District (Cedar, Des Moines, Henry, Iowa, Jefferson, Johnson, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine, Van Buren or Washington County) and shall be in their senior year of an accredited high school or attending a college/university to be eligible for this Merit Award. You may only receive this merit award once.
3. A merit committee of three, appointed by the District President, shall serve as judges and select a winner and an alternate.
4. Applications need to be completed and returned to the Unit President. The Unit President will forward this application to the District Merit Chairperson Michele Long, 212 S Mechanic Street, Macomb, IL 61454 or email ccvettesml@macomb.com by 4/1.
5. Each applicant must submit three letters of recommendation. One from the principal or teacher of the applicant's school and two from representative citizens of the applicant's home community. These letters shall certify to the applicant's character, Americanism, leadership and scholarship.
6. The candidate will be selected on the following:
 - A. CHARACTER High standard of conduct, keen sense of right, strength of character, adherence to truth and conscience. 30%
 - B. AMERICANISM Fine ideals, loyalty to country, apparent ability to accept citizen's responsibilities in the future. 30%
 - C. LEADERSHIP Ability to lead and to accomplish through group action, guidance and thoughtfulness of others. 20%
 - D. SCHOLARSHIP Scholastic attainment, with good grades, evidence of industry and application in studies. 20%
7. Applications must be forward to the unit with the following information:
 - A. Application name and address.
 - B. Three letters of recommendations as set forth above.
 - C. An essay consisting of not more than 500 words stating the applicant's educational goal and why they need assistance.
 - D. Statement of participation in extra-curricular activities, civic activities and any awards received in either.
 - E. A certified transcript of high school and/or post high school grades, rank in class and composite score on a standardized test.
8. This merit award of \$500.00 shall be awarded for enrollment in any accredited university, college, junior college, trade school or vocational school preferably within the State of Iowa.
9. The recipient will be notified asap so that an announcement may be made at the school they attend. The check will be payable to the recipient.