

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
2019 IOWA DEPARTMENT MERIT AWARD APPLICATION**

1. Name _____
2. Address (Street, City, State Zip) _____
3. Birth Date ____/____/____ Telephone # _____
4. Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
5. Parent/Guardian Addresses _____
6. Parent(s)/Guardians occupations _____
7. How many persons in the family? _____ Number of dependent children? _____
8. Veteran's name under who you qualify for this award _____
9. What is your relationship to that Veteran? _____
10. Are you a member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion? Circle those that apply.
11. What education do you have and where was it obtained?

12. List up to 10 of your activities and awards.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
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 6. _____
 7. _____
 8. _____
 9. _____
 10. _____

13. Name and location of school in Iowa in which you plan to enroll _____

14. Course of study you will pursue _____

15. Do you expect to work to assist yourself while in school? _____ Yes _____ No

16. If so, what type of work? _____

17. What other income resources do you have to fund your education?

Enclosed:

- Original Essay
- Unit or Post letter of Recommendation/verification
- School Letter of Recommendation
- Professional, Clergy, or Community Letter of Recommendation
- Transcript or other information per requirements

I have verified that I have answered **ALL** questions and included **ALL** required material, in proper grammatical form, with correct spelling and punctuation, before submitting my application packet. I also attest that I will be a college student in the coming year or am a student currently enrolled in college.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Unit OR Post Officer's Signature _____

Application and all information must be postmarked by June 1 and mailed to:

**Jean Brandes
749 4th Street Circle SE
Sioux Center, Iowa 51250**

**how2hunt@mtcnet.net
(712) 722-3340**

I would like to be considered for the Merit Award(s) as indicated below.

_____ Mary Virginia Macrae Memorial medical training Merit Award - \$500.00

_____ Harriet Hoffman Memorial educator training Merit Award - \$500.00

_____ Iowa Department Merit Award - \$500.00

_____ Past Iowa Department Presidents' Merit Award - \$500.00

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The Department of Iowa offers Merit Awards for continuing education to assist Iowa residents in obtaining a college, university, professional, nursing, trade school, commercial, or vocational education in an accredited school within the State of Iowa. All recipients shall be chosen by the Department Education Chairman and two Merit Award Judges from the applications postmarked by June 1 of the given year based on the required qualifications listed.

Merit Awards:

Mary Virginia Macrae for Medical Training: A five hundred dollar (\$500) medical training merit award is given each year in memory of Mary Virginia Macrae who was the First Department of Iowa President.

Harriet Hoffman for Educator Training: A five hundred-dollar (\$500) educator training merit award is given each year in memory of Harriet Hoffman who established the education and Merit Award Program in the Department of Iowa

Iowa Department Merit Awards:Ten (10) five hundred-dollar (\$500) merits awards will be given each year. No applicant shall receive this award more than twice. Upon the death of a Past Department President, one (1) of these merit awards will be given in her honor and shall be for the period of (1) year.

Past Department President Merit Awards: The number of five hundred dollar (\$500) Past President Merit Awards will be determined by the contributions received each year by the Past Presidents Merit Award Fund.

Eligibility Rules and Application Requirements:

The applicant must be a veteran or parent, spouse, widow, direct or adopted descendant of a veteran, and a resident of the State of Iowa

The Department of Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Merit Award application form must be used to apply for all merit awards. One application form may be used to apply for multiple awards. The Application form may be obtained online and must be postmarked by June 1.

The applicant must be a high school graduate. Graduating seniors shall submit a transcript of high school grades and composite score on a standardized test. Applicants who are currently college students need to submit only applicable college records. Applicants who have been out of school for four (4) or more years may submit any of the above information or two (2) additional personal references.

The applicant must submit an original essay consisting of not more than six hundred fifty (650) words which will give insight into one's personality and express the qualities one wants to be known and be remembered by in one's chosen field.

The applicant shall submit three (3) **letters of recommendation**

- 1) Unit or Post verifying the applicant's eligibility
- 2) School
- 3) Business or Professional person, clergy or community leader indicating the applicant's character, patriotism, leadership, etc

Winners will be announced at the 2019 Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention in July.