

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
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 people are in the family? Number of dependent children?
- 8: Indicate the Veteran's name under who you qualify
- 9: What is your relationship to that Veteran
- 10: Are you a member of:  

The American Legion	American Legion Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion	Not a member
- 11: Highest level of education and high school/college attended.
- 12: List no more than 10 of your activities and educational awards
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- 13: Name and location of the school in Iowa in which you plan to enroll
  
- 14: Course of Study you will pursue:
- 15: Do you expect to work to assist with tuition costs while in school  
If so what type of work
- 16: What other income resources do you have to fund your education:

Enclosed

Merit Award Application  
Original Essay  
Unit or Post letter of recommendation/verification  
School letter of recommendation  
Professional, clergy, or community letter of recommendation  
Transcript

It is the responsibility of the applicant to answer **ALL** questions and submit **ALL** requested material. **ALL** must be included, in proper grammatical form, with correct spelling and punctuation or they will not be considered. Please read and review both the rules and this form before submitting your application packet.

This scholarship will be awarded to any student currently enrolled in college or will be a college student in the coming year.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit **OR** Post Officer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please email the completed application by **June 1**  
Paper applications with all necessary information **must** be postmarked with appropriate postage  
by **June 1**

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I would like to be considered for the Merit Award(s) as indicated below. (This will be the only Merit Award application that you will need to fill out. Please check all that you wish to apply for.)

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

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

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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 received 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) merit 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 one (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 President 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. The application form must 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 scores 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 what the applicant has done to reflect the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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

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