



Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

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Getting a job or staying competitive in today's workplace involves showing employers you have the skills and experience to get the job done. In many cases, returning to college is a must. The American Legion Auxiliary's goal is to do all we can to make that happen, and that's what the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship is all about. This scholarship helps people who are part of The Legion Family pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted. If you're at this place in life, this may be the right scholarship for you.

One \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually per Auxiliary geographic division. Applicant may be pursuing training in a certified, trade, professional, or technical program, or a two-year or four-year degree program.

Scholarship Rules

1. Applicants must be:
 - a. A current member in good standing of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion, must have held membership for the two preceding years (2022 and 2023), and be a paid member for the current (2024) membership year, OR
 - b. A veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged, OR
 - c. The spouse of an active duty servicemember or a veteran who was honorably discharged.
2. Applicants must be:
 - a. a non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period in which their formal education was interrupted, OR
 - b. a non-traditional student beginning their education at a later point in life.
3. Completed applications are **DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 11:59 PM Eastern.**
4. Judging, at all levels, shall be on the following basis:
 - a. Academic Achievement 25%
 - b. Financial Need 25%
 - c. Character/Leadership 25%
 - d. Initiative/Goals 25%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

Disbursement of funds:

The award will be paid directly to the school for the first semester upon notification from the school that the student has registered. ***American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters must receive certification of enrollment within 12 months of the winning recipient's notification, or the scholarship will be forfeited.*** The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification from National Headquarters, or the scholarship will be forfeited. Thus, if the winning recipient does not wish to use monies for FIRST-YEAR expenses, they then must then be used for SECOND-YEAR expenses or be forfeited.

Submit application via this link: [Non-Traditional Student Scholarship 2024](#)

All are gift scholarships, not loans.

Please contact Education@ALAforVeterans.org with questions. The sheer volume of scholarship applications received makes it impractical for national headquarters to respond to each application or to confirm receipt of materials.