

THIRD DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MERIT AWARD

This award is to assist the recipient for a college, university, nursing, trade, commercial or vocational education in a recognized institution.

Each year one or more merit awards will be awarded.

Any member of The American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary, SAL or their son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter; or the surviving spouse or the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter (also great) of a deceased veteran is eligible. Applicants must meet all requirements listed below. Instructions and form will be available from any Unit President or Merit Award Chairman. Forms may be copied as necessary.

1. The applicant shall submit with their application their name, address, a recent photograph, and the name of the school in which they are enrolled. Applicant must be a high school graduate, and shall submit a transcript of high school grades, rank in class, and a composite score of a standardized test as ITED or a college entrance test. Three letters of recommendation shall be submitted; one from a high school teacher, one from a business or professional person; one additional letter, preferably from the clergy. Letters shall have the following information:

* **CHARACTER**-giving standard of conduct, strength of character, adherence to truth and conscience devotion to daily duties.

***AMERICANISM**- fine ideals, love of country

***ACTIVITIES**- describing activities in church, school, community

2. Applicant shall submit a letter from the Post Commander or Unit President of the American Legion or Auxiliary from which your eligibility originated. Any student living out of the district who is a member of a Third District organization as SAL or Juniors is eligible to apply.

3. Applicant must submit an original essay consisting of not more than 500 words, which will give insight into your personality and express the qualities you want to be known and be remembered by in your chosen field. Please sign this essay.

Winners will be chosen by the District Merit Award Committee and the number of awards will be determined by that committee. In so far as possible, awards shall be to applicants in various locations within the District and will be awarded to the student with their enrollment in the second semester of their freshman year in any school of higher learning.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS shall be sent by the applicant, all at one time, to the Chairman by the date of **APRIL 1, 2020**. We encourage applicants to follow all instructions, fill in all spaces and note if not applicable.

Winners will be announced at the Third District Spring Conference.

Please include these instructions with all application forms, they may be copied as necessary.

Send to or questions to:

SHARON HATCH

513 UNION ST

PO BOX 216

WHITTEN, IOWA 50269

PH: 641-486-2296

email: hatchnlott@iowatelecom.net

ATTENTION MERIT AWARD CHAIRPERSON:

If you haven't contacted your school about this award, **PLEASE** do so soon. Encourage Seniors to apply for this Merit Award!

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THIRD DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MERIT AWARD FORM

I wish to apply for one \$200 Third District American Legion Auxiliary Merit Award

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2020 Please fill in all spaces even if not applicable, note N/A



DATE: _____

1. NAME _____
2. AGE _____ BIRTHPLACE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
3. PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
4. Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
5. Parent/Guardian Address _____
6. Are you a member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary (Juniors) or Sons of the American Legion?
Circle those that apply.
7. List the Veteran's name under whom you qualify. _____
8. What is your relationship to that veteran? _____
9. Parent(s)/guardians occupations _____
10. How many persons in your family? _____ How many dependent children? _____
Ages: _____
11. What education do you have and where was it obtained? _____

12. List up to 10 activities and awards in school and community.

13. What is the name and location of the school in which you are enrolling?

14. What courses do you intend to take? _____
15. Do you expect to do outside work to assist yourself while in school? Yes _____ No _____
16. If so, what type of work? _____
17. What other resources do you have? _____

18. You must submit three (3) letters of recommendation from:
- A. Superintendent or School reference
 - B. Business or professional person
 - C. Member of the Clergy or other
19. I submit a letter from my Post or Unit verifying my eligibility.
20. I submit a transcript of my last scholastic record, as a requirement.
21. I enclose a photograph, as a requirement.
22. As an applicant for this Merit Award you must submit an original signed essay consisting of not more than 500 words, which will give insight into your personality and express the qualities you want to be known and be remembered by in your chosen field.
23. It is the responsibility of the applicant to answer all questions and submit all requested materials. IF APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE, IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A MERIT AWARD.

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2020

Signed _____

Address _____

Mail to:
 SHARON HATCH
 513 UNION ST.
 PO BOX 216
 WHITTEN, IOWA 50269

Phone _____

APPROVED BY DISTRICT MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE:

 CHAIRMAN

 COMMITTEE MEMBER

 COMMITTEE MEMBER