

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS**

SUBJECT: CHILDREN and YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The Department of Illinois Children & Youth Scholarship Fund, through donations received each year offers scholarships that are awarded according to the rules listed below. The number of \$1000 scholarships given will be determined by funds available.

RULES GOVERNING THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Applicant must be working towards a degree in Education with emphasis on the subjects required for teaching mentally or physically challenged children.
2. Applicant must be in sophomore or junior class in college when application is made.
3. Applicant must be in the upper half of the class.
4. Applicant must be in need of financial assistance.
5. **IMPORTANT** — Applicant must be a resident of Illinois.
6. All applicants must have an American Legion Auxiliary Unit as their sponsor. Application for this scholarship must be secured from and returned to the sponsoring Unit. The applicant is limited to applying for **ONLY ONE SCHOLARSHIP** sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary for the given year.
7. Sponsoring Unit must have contributed to the Children and Youth Scholarship Fund for the current year in order to submit an application for this scholarship.
8. A Unit may enter **ONLY ONE CANDIDATE** for this scholarship. If Unit has more than one interested candidate, a committee of three qualified people shall be appointed to serve as judges. Applications to be judged on the following: 20%, Character - 20%, Americanism — 20%, Leadership — 20%, Scholarship — 20%, basis of need.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (Applicant's material MUST INCLUDE):

1. Completed application form.
2. Proof of need of financial assistance.
3. Letter of authorization from sponsoring Unit — signed by both the Unit President and Unit Children and Youth Chairman.
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation: -
 - a. A letter from clergy of applicant's choice.
 - b. A letter from the Dean of Studies or College Registrar stating averages and confirming the course of study is that which is required in preparing to teach mentally or physically challenged children.
 - c. A letter from the College Counselor, on official stationery, stating the applicant's emotional stability, social development, and civic awareness.
5. An essay or composition, not more than 500 words, in which the applicant states the motivation for choosing this special field of education and goals which the applicant hopes to attain after graduation.
6. The completed application packet must be submitted flat (in folder or cardboard protection) by applicant to the sponsoring Unit **NO LATER THAN MARCH 15.**

NOTE: Sponsoring unit **MUST VERIFY** all necessary information in the application packet and then forward it to the Department Children & Youth Chairman Sue Johnson **NO LATER THAN APRIL 1. Cell phone 815-222-3983** Email americandancer13@gmail.com

**APPLICATION FOR CHILDREN and YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
2025-2026**

Application **MUST** be submitted to the **PRESIDENT OF THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT** no later than **MARCH 15**. Unit will forward entry to Department
Children and Youth Chairman by April 1.

1. Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Cell phone # _____ Email Address _____

2. Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address of Parent or Guardian: _____

3. Name of College enrolled in: _____

Address of College: _____

4. The year in college you are now completing: _____

5. Have you applied for or been awarded any other scholarships? _____

If yes, list source and amount: _____

NOTE: Please make sure **ALL REQUIRED ITEMS** as detailed on the Scholarship rules are with this Application when submitted or it will be disqualified.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

UNIT Name and No.: Ralph M. Noble #285 District: 15

Signature of Unit Children & Youth Chairman: _____

Signature of Unit President: _____

Address of Unit President: _____

Phone Number of Unit President: _____