

Samsung American Legion Scholarship

<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>

Worldwide electronics leader Samsung endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million to be administered by The American Legion in 1996. Meant to show appreciation for U.S. veterans who came to Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces in the Korean War, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program established a series of scholarships derived from interest and other income from the principal amount. As of 2019 the Samsung American Legion Scholarship has awarded more than \$6.5 million in college scholarships to 2,308 applicants since its inception in 1996.

Award Amounts

Samsung scholarships may be used for undergraduate studies and applied toward tuition, books, fees, and room and board. Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community service.

- Ten National Scholars receive \$10,000 each (two from each region)
- Ten National Runners-Up receive \$5,000 each (two from each region)
- Remaining Department Finalists receive \$1,250 each guaranteed

Eligibility

- Scholarship applications are restricted to high school juniors who attend the current session of either The American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program and are a direct descendant - i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. - or a legally adopted child of a wartime U.S. military veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership.

Deadline

- Scholarships are due no later than the first day of a participant's American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. All applications must be submitted using the online application system by 11:59PM on this day. Applications will not be modified after the due date or given a deadline extension under any circumstance.

All scholarship applications must contain the following. If items (documents) are missing, application will be disqualified.

- Student High School Record Certification Form
- High School Transcript
- Understanding and Consent Form
- Supporting documents that support claims of work experience, student activities, volunteer opportunities or community service, honors, and awards and descendancy from a Korean War Veteran.
- Two original essays not to exceed 500 words each on a topic determined by the Committee on Youth Education prior to the opening of the Samsung American Legion application window.

All scholarship applications will be graded and given points within each of the following categories.

- Weighted GPA, *20 points maximum.*
- Essays. Two essays at 10 points possible for each essay, *20 points maximum.*
- Work Experience and Student Activities, *20 points maximum.*
- Volunteer Opportunities or Community Service, *20 points maximum.*
- Honors and Awards, *20 points maximum.*
- Descendant of Korean War Veteran, *award 3 points.*

Attached are sample forms that will need to be completed and signed. Once you sign on to the scholarship website, the forms you need to use will be there. These are only sample forms. Be sure that all blanks that need an answer, have an answer. Be sure that all signatures required are on the form. The Activity Certification Form will be used for multiple items. Be sure to place your check mark on the form to indicate what area you are using the form for. Each activity, sport, paid position, volunteer position or club participation gets a separate form for each item. You may have many of this form.

Also attached is the Essay Grading Rubric we will use for grading the two essays. Be sure to read through this so you know what we are looking for when we grade your essays. After essays are scored using the criteria definitions within that area, points will be added up to give final essay score. (Thinking + Organization + Content + Diction + Mechanics = points)