

AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION POST AUXILIARY
POST 1239

**SUBJECT: LEGION AUXILIARY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
RESOLUTION**

Adopted: February 2019

Revised: October 2023

This Resolution sets forth the rules, application, terms and guidelines for the Aviston American Legion Auxiliary Post 1239 Community Scholarship (the “Scholarship”). This scholarship will be awarded to an individual living within the Aviston CUSD 21. The purpose of the Scholarship is to honor individuals who have made a significant impact in the community.

The Aviston American Legion Auxiliary Post 1239 (the “AALA”) may provide a \$1,000 Scholarship, and the AALA intends to begin the Scholarship with the 2024-2025 School Year. A School Year is defined as beginning in the Fall of any given year and ending in the Summer of the following year. The AALA reserves the right to revise and/or amend the Scholarship as it deems necessary, including but not limited to the awarded Scholarship amount.

The Scholarship is to be used for post-secondary education, including but not limited to universities, colleges, vocational and technical schooling (the “academic institution”). The Scholarship may only be used for tuition and will be paid directly to the academic institution upon the AALA receiving: (i) an executed copy of a Letter Agreement from the applicant acknowledging his/her acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Scholarship, and (ii) a Statement from the academic institution that the applicant will be attending that identifies the school and sets forth the student’s identity, his/her ID number and address, and the amount the student will be charged for tuition for the upcoming School Year (the “Statement”). If the Statement indicates that the amount due and owing is less than the Scholarship, only that amount will be paid to the academic institution. The winning applicant agrees that in the event he/she does not complete the classes at the academic institution as planned during the School Year, arrangements must be made within thirty (30) days for the return to the AALA of the total amount of the Scholarship.

RULES GOVERNING THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

1. The Applicant must be enrolled in post-secondary education at an academic institution for the upcoming School Year.
2. The application for the AALA Scholarship must be obtained from the Aviston American Legion website or in paper form from a member of the AALA Scholarship Committee.
3. The AALA will appoint a Scholarship Committee to serve as judges. Judging will include, but may not be limited to the applicant's:
 - A. CHARACTER/LEADERSHIP: High standard of conduct; keen sense of right; strength of character; adherence to truth, principles and conscience; volunteerism; ability to lead and to accomplish through group action, personal magnetism, guidance and consideration of other individuals.
 - B. ESSAY: Content, spelling and grammar of a submitted essay.
 - C. SCHOLARSHIP: Certified copies of either a high school or post-secondary school transcript that indicates the grades and/or ranking that the applicant received upon completing either high school or post-secondary classes to date, with an explanation of the status on where the applicant is in reaching his/her goal, e.g., completed two years of college in pursuit of a goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree. Information on the degree that the applicant is seeking and how he/she are or will apply that degree to their current and/or future employment.
 - D. INTERVIEW: Prior to the award of the Scholarship, the Scholarship Committee will interview the top applicants.
4. The winning applicant will be notified of the results by August 1st of the upcoming School Year. The Scholarship will be paid within thirty days to the academic institution upon receipt of: (i) an executed copy of a Letter Agreement from the applicant acknowledging his/her acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Scholarship, and (ii) a Statement from the academic institution that the applicant will be attending that identifies the school and sets forth the student's identity, his/her ID number and address, and the amount he/she will be charged for tuition for the upcoming School Year (the "Statement").

5. The applicant is limited to only ONE SCHOLARSHIP award by the AALA per School Year. Applicants are permitted to reapply for a Scholarship in any subsequent School Year, but the reapplication must include verification of the completion of the course work for any prior School Year.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must include the following:

1. A completed application must be post-marked and/or received by April 1st preceding any School Year addressed to:
AALA Scholarship Committee
601 S. Clinton Street
Aviston, IL 62216
2. Three (3) executed letters of recommendation or reference dated within the preceding calendar year, from individuals, such as:
 - a. Community Directors;
 - b. Faculty or administration officials from high school and or post-secondary institutions, e.g., a counselor, advisor and/or department head;
 - c. Clergy or church official; and/or
 - d. An adult citizen, other than a relative, attesting to the applicant's character in regards to conduct, citizenship and/or leadership.
3. A listing and description of the community or volunteer activities/ involvement and hours that the applicant has been involved with during the last calendar year.
4. An original essay written by the applicant on: **“What Patriotism Means to Me”** It is recommended that the essay be typewritten, contain a cover page and consist of a minimum of 750 but, no more than 1,000 words, in a double space format.
5. The most recent certified transcript from either the applicant's high school or post-secondary education institution.
6. Top applicants will be assigned an interview time to meet with the Scholarship Committee.

**AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
POST 1239
2024 - 2025
APPLICATION FOR AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

(Application will not be returned)

1. Name of applicant: _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number (include Area Code) _____
2. Name and address of parent or guardian (if applicable) _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
3. What school do you plan to attend? _____
4. What honors, academic or otherwise, have you received and when? _____
5. Are you or have you been employed? If so, please explain: _____

6. What is your goal after finishing school? _____

PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTACH OTHER REQUIRED MATERIAL TO THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY "ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE" NO LATER THAN APRIL 1ST PRECEDING THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. **PLEASE SIGN YOUR APPLICATION.**

- Winning applicant agrees to name and photo release for publication and gives consent for their photo and identification to be published at the discretion of the Aviston Auxiliary.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained within this Application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I also give permission for information from my academic history to be released to the AALA Scholarship Committee.

I understand that if I am awarded a Scholarship, it is my responsibility to provide to the AALA Scholarship Committee an executed Letter Agreement acknowledging my acceptance of

the terms and conditions of the Scholarship, and a Statement from the academic institution that I will be attending that identifies the school, my identity, including my ID number and address, and the amount that I will be charged for tuition for the upcoming School Year (the "Statement").

I also release and/or hold harmless the AALA, including but not limited to its Scholarship Committee, from and against any and all claims I may make against the Scholarship Committee resulting from its decision concerning my application.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parents' or
Guardian's
Signature _____ Date: _____
(If under 18 years of age)

FOR COMMITTEE USE:

Check List for Unit:	
Please check each item for completion	
1. Completed Application	_____
2. Three Letters on letterhead	_____
3. Volunteer Activities / Hours	_____
4. Essay	_____
5. GPA or Certified Transcript	_____
6. Interview	_____

APPLICANT SCORE: _____

APPROVAL OF ELIGIBILITY: Yes _____ No _____

COMMITTEE SIGNATURES:

