



THE AMERICAN LEGION.....SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

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Samsung Scholarships will be awarded to students who have participated in Boys and Girls State programs in 2017. The Samsung American Legion Scholarship Fund, beginning with the 2017 award year, a new award structure will be in effect: 10 Scholars (2 from each region) will be awarded **\$10,000 each** and 10 Runners-Up (2 from each region) will be awarded **\$5,000 each**. Cornhusker Girls State will select one scholarship application to be forwarded on to the National competition. Scholarships will be judged during Girls State and announced during Girls State Graduation Ceremony. If the state applicant winner is not a National Scholarship winner, she will receive a \$1,250 scholarship

To qualify for the scholarship, you must participate in and complete the 2017 session of Cornhusker Girls State, and be a direct descendant (i.e. child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc.) of a U.S. wartime veteran, or have a parent/grandparent currently on active duty. If you are applying for the scholarship under a parent/grandparent on active duty, check the war period corresponding to the Persian Gulf War – August 2, 1990 – Until Cessation of Hostilities. This includes Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Veterans do not have to have served, or currently serve, ‘in combat’ for dependents to be eligible for the scholarship. The veteran must have served honorably during one of the designated periods of war.

When completing the veteran’s information section, you will be asked to **upload** “Proof of Service” documentation for the veteran of whom you are a direct descendent. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, copies of Department of Defense documents, Department of the Army documents, Department of the Navy documents, Department of the Air Force documents, Department of Veterans Affairs documents (federal or state), and American Legion documents. Information and help locating these documents is given in detail in the application. The application is on The American Legion website www.legion.org. Look under Programs and then Scholarships in the drop down box. In the left side column choose Samsung American Legion Scholarship. Read and scroll down to Application and click on Use the online application. From here you must register a username and password to access the application. **The application must be completed and submitted online.** Scholarships will also be judged and given points for grammar: complete sentences, syntax, appropriate and correct punctuation. Other judging points will include presentation: depth of topic, exploration, and writer’s engagement with the reader.

There is no printing off a blank copy. You can save the application in stages and check it as you go. If you are unsure how to proceed, please contact Education Director Virginia Nelsen.

NOTE: Once submitted online, **please print and bring a copy to Cornhusker Girls State registration on Sunday, June 4, 2017**. Place your application copy in a manila envelope with **your name** and **floor number** on the outside of the envelope. Only copies of completed applications submitted online will be accepted.