EGION The American Legion SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP 2025



Samsung Scholarships will be awarded to students who have participated in Boys and Girls State programs in 2024. The award structure for The Samsung American Legion Scholarship Fund is as follows: 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 the Girls State Awards 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 2024 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, Operation Iraqi Freedom and War on Terrorism. 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 The American Legion documents. Information and help locating these documents is given in detail in the application.

* The application is on The American Legion website at <u>www.legion.org</u>. Look under *Programs* and then *Scholarships* in the drop-down box. Then choose *Samsung American Legion Scholarship*. Read and scroll down, then click on *Access the Online Samsung Scholarship Application here*. 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.

* Students applying for the Samsung Scholarship need to be sure to include an official transcript of grades with an Official Signature.

* 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 Haley Tetan.

* Applications must be completed prior to arriving at Cornhusker Girls State. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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