



## **THELMA FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 2012-2013**

One scholarship in the amount of \$300 shall be awarded each year. The scholarship is a gift, not a loan.

1. Candidates shall be Junior members of the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary, and said Junior to have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three years and must now hold a Junior membership card for the current year, or have turned 18 years of age in her Senior year of school.
2. Applicants must be in their Senior year or graduates of an accredited high school, but cannot have attended an institution of higher learning.
3. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis.
4. The scholarship application shall be mailed to the Department Education Chairman by March 1.
5. The scholarship must be used within twelve months of the date the winner received notification.
6. The award will be paid for the first semester upon notice that the candidate has registered for college.
7. The decision of the judges shall be final.
8. Judging shall be on the following basis:
  - a. Character 20%
  - b. Americanism 20%
  - c. Leadership 20%
  - d. Academics 20%
  - e. Basis of need 20%

### **APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS**

1. Completed application for the Thelma Foster Scholarship for Junior Members.
2. An original article of no more than 1,000 words on the topic "America, We Remember."
3. A copy of the transcript of high school grades of applicant.
4. A brief statement of the military service of the person through whom applicant is eligible, including branch of service, dates of service or photocopy of veteran's discharge papers.
5. Three letters of recommendation
  - a. One letter from a school administrator or guidance counselor.
  - b. One letter from a clergy of applicant's choice.
  - c. One letter from an adult citizen, other than a relative, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship and leadership.



**Application For Thelma Foster Scholarship For Junior Members 2012- 2013  
American Legion Auxiliary – Department Of South Dakota**

This application must be submitted to the Department Education Chairman by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of enrollment in American Legion Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

Name of veteran through whom applicant is eligible \_\_\_\_\_

Living? \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Over 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade levels \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of father, stepfather or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of mother, stepmother or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total monthly government compensation or pension received by parent/child \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total compensation or pension for applicant if mother has remarried or died \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for or drawing Social Security payments? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, monthly amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Time limit of benefits \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for benefits under Survivors and Dependents Education? \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed date of graduation from high school \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of school of higher education you hope to attend

Degree and career field you plan to pursue \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Department Education Chairman:

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
\$500 SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE 2012-2013**

**Objective:** South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary shall award annually two \$500 scholarships for a college/university and two \$500 scholarships for technical institutions, in order to further education beyond high school level.

**Eligibility:** The applicant shall be

- a. the child or grandchild of a veteran, or the child or grandchild of a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- b. not under sixteen (16) nor over twenty-two (22) years of age.
- c. financially unable to attend a university or technical institute after graduation from high school.
- d. a resident of South Dakota.
- e. a first time winner of this award; an applicant who has previously been awarded this scholarship is ineligible.

**Requirements:**

The applicant shall submit

- a. Original article of not more than 500 words on “Why I want to attend a College/University” or “Why I want to attend a Technical Institute.”
- b. Copy of high school or current college/ university/technical institute grades.
- c. Completed application, stating actual need of financial assistance.
- d. All required documents to Department Education Chairman, postmarked by March 1.
- e. Letters of Recommendations as listed below.

**Letters of Recommendation:**

The applicant shall submit three (3) letters of recommendation;

- a. one letter from a member of the local American Legion Auxiliary.
- b. one letter from a school administrator from school he/she will graduate or currently attends, or clergy of the church he/she attends.
- c. one letter from a business person or representative citizen who knows him/her in community/home life.

**Letters of recommendation shall include statements of:**

- a. Character – giving standards of conduct, strength of character, adherence to truth and conscience, devotion to church and daily duties.
- b. Americanism – fine ideals, love of country.
- c. Activities – describing activities of church, school, organizations or community leadership ability, work history and personal magnetism.

**Awards:**

- a. The Department Education Chairman of American Legion Auxiliary, with qualified judges chosen by her, shall make the final selections. Entries shall be judged, and winners selected, using the following criteria: Character, 30%; Americanism, 10%; Leadership, 10%; Academics, 20%; Basis of Need, 30%.
- b. The committee shall select alternates for each award, in the event the winners cannot execute his/her plans.
- c. Winners will be notified by mail.
- d. In the event the applicant is awarded a National scholarship and a South Dakota scholarship, or two South Dakota scholarships, he/she must relinquish the lesser of the two scholarships to his/her alternate.

**Application forms**

- a. May be secured from the Department Education Chairman or Department Headquarters.
- b. Are mailed to Department Education Chairman on or before March 1.

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Verification of receipt of student application may be obtained by enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the application.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ---- DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**Application for either \$500 College/University or \$500 Technical Institute Scholarship 2012-2013**

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill in only the name of the person who gives you eligibility)

Date of father's, mother's or grandparent's enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge date and place \_\_\_\_\_

If applying as an Auxiliary member's child, give the American Legion Auxiliary Unit Name and number to which member belongs \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family \_\_\_\_\_ ages \_\_\_\_\_ number in college \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of father, step-father or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ income \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of mother, step-mother or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ income \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security, government compensation or pension you receive \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be eligible under another government program? \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for or been awarded another scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_ Name/Amount \_\_\_\_\_

High school from which you will, or have graduated \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of College/University or Technical Institute you wish to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist for applying:**

1. Completed application
2. Essay on "Why I want to attend a College/University" or "Why I want to attend a Technical Institute."
3. Copy of high school grades or educational institution you currently attend,
4. Mail on or before March 1
5. Three letters of recommendation from:
  - a. A member of the American Legion Auxiliary
  - b. School administrator or clergy
  - c. Business man or woman, or a representative citizen

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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