The American Legion Auxiliary believes that the more knowledge our young people gain, the better citizens they will become. That is why the organization is committed to education. Investing in the education of our young women is investing in the future of our country.
If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, check out the scholarship eligibility requirements, deadlines, and complete the application forms.

Scholarship Awarded

- Two $500.00 scholarships will be awarded annually. Applicants may be pursuing training in a certified, trade, professional, or technical program, or a two-year or four-year degree program.
- **Scholarship Application Deadline: March 2 of each calendar year.** The selection will be made by **April 15**. Scholarships will be awarded at the school's Awards Assembly in May. We have a private ceremony & gift AFTER your school awards ceremony at the James Anderson American Legion Hall in Brazoria. Winning scholarship recipients will be contacted by text & email. Make sure your information is correct. Email will come from shafferandkim@outlook.com

Scholarship Criteria

- Applicants must be scheduled to graduate High School during the current school year at one of the following Texas school districts, Sweeny or Brazoria/West Columbia.
- **Applicant must be a direct family member of current military or veteran. This is mother, father, sister, brother or grandparent. If you are adopted, yes, you are qualified.**
- Applicants must submit High School Transcript along with application for scholarship.
- Applicants may be pursuing training in a certified, trade, professional, or technical program, or a two-year or four-year degree program.
- Completed & pass all necessary standardized test(s)/requirements for graduation & have met the entrance requirements for the trade school, college or university for which formal application has been made
- Scholarships funds not claimed within one year of the award date will be forfeited.
- Once an individual has received a scholarship, they are ineligible to receive another one from Unit 561 American Legion Auxiliary.

Applicant Checklist:

- ☐ Complete Application
- ☐ Provide - Proof of relationship to veteran (this is by way of DD214 copy which is veteran's discharge papers, or if they are current military, their military card copy. We DO NOT expect you to spend a lot of money getting certified copies of birth certificates, etc. If you have a copy of the DD214, or a copy of the veteran or current military members driver's license with their status listed (it will say "veteran" if they were a veteran), if you do not have these, just send as many pictures detailed as you can as proof of veteran. If it's your grandpa, send his military picture. We do our best to make sense of everything you send as proof. If you have questions, email, shafferandkim@outlook.com & we can help you.
- ☐ Provide - Current High School Transcript
- ☐ Essay – 500 words or less, telling us about yourself (include, hobbies, clubs, community activities, jobs) as well as tell us a little about the veteran you are applying through and explain why you are applying for the scholarship & what college or trade school you plan to attend and your major. Stories are welcome.
- ☐ Submit documentation to *James Anderson American* Legion Auxiliary Unit 561, 203 E. San Bernard St, Brazoria, TX 77422. We have a large mailbox (203) at the James Anderson American Legion Auxiliary building in Brazoria on the right side of the building. You can drop your application in that box OR submit it to your high school counselor's office & when they notify me at shafferandkim@outlook.com, we will come & pick those up.
- ☐ *James Anderson American* Legion Auxiliary Unit 561, 203 E. San Bernard St, Brazoria, TX 77422

High School: ☐ Sweeny ☐ Brazoria/West Columbia

Name: _____, _____, _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____, _____, _____
Street City State/Zip Code

Phone #: _____, _____, Email: _____
Home Cell

Veteran Name: _____ Relationship: _____, Branch Served:_____

Parent's Name: _____, Parents Phone #:_____

Parent's Email:_____

- ☐ **Essay** – 500 words or less, telling us about yourself (include, hobbies, clubs, community activities, jobs) as well as tell us a little about the veteran you are applying through and explain why you are applying for the scholarship and what college or trade school you plan to attend and your major. Stories of you/veteran are welcome.
- ☐ Provide - Proof of relationship to veteran
- ☐ Deadline for turning application into the ALA James Anderson Auxiliary – Unit 561 Brazoria is **March 2,** each calendar year. Selection will be made by **April 15**. Scholarships will be awarded at the Awards Assembly in May.
- ☐ Funding of scholarship will occur at your school's award ceremony by check. Scholarships funds not claimed within 1 year of the award date will be forfeited.
- ☐ Submit documentation to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 561, 203 E. San Bernard St, Brazoria, TX 77422

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TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Gradation Date of Applicant: _____, GPA:_____, Class Rank: _____

SAT Scores Verbal: _____, Math: _____, Written: _____, ACT Score_____

Counselors Printed Name: _____, Signature: _____, Date: _____

- ☐ *James Anderson American* Legion Auxiliary Unit 561, 203 E. San Bernard St, Brazoria, TX 77422