

2025 NURSING GRANT APPLICATION
Sponsored by: American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Jersey
Past Presidents' Parley

For those entering the field of nursing

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be:
 - A child, Grandchild or Great-Grandchild of a Veteran who served in the Armed Forces during the eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion.
 - A resident of the State of New Jersey for two years immediately prior to applying for the scholarship; and a member of the **2025** Graduating class of a senior high school in the State of New Jersey
 - Applicant must use the award the year it is issued. If the applicant selected for the awards fails to qualify for admission to the school of his or her choice by **9/1/2025**, the award will be forfeited. Grant payment will be made upon confirmation of the candidate's enrollment by the school of his or her choice.
- Scholarships shall be awarded on the following basis:
 - **CHARACTER** – 15% - High standards of conduct, keen sense of right, strength of character, adherence to truth and conscience and belief in God,
 - **AMERICANISM** – 15% - Fine ideals, love of country, ability to accept a few years hence, a citizen's responsibilities,
 - **LEADERSHIP** – 15% - Ability to lead and to accomplish through group action, personal magnetism, guidance and thought of others,
 - **GRANT** – 40% - Grant attainment, with grades of senior year and rating in class, evidence of industry, and application of studies,
 - **BASIS OF NEED** – 15% - Actual need of financial assistance to continue higher education. (Financial status of family or resources available **MUST** be stated.)
- Complete application must be received by the Department Chairman no later than **4/1/2025**.

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO QUALIFY.

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APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

It is the applicant's responsibilities to make certain that the application form, copy of discharge papers (DD214), four letters of recommendation, record of grades, original article, and confirmation of financial need, are submitted in **ONE ENVELOPE**, and received by the Department Chairman listed below no later than **April 1, 2025**.

- 2023 Completed Application Form by Applicant.
- Photocopy of Parent's, Grandparent's or Great-grandparent's Honorable Discharge Papers. **DD214**.
- Certified transcript or photocopy of high school grades and class standings, including Senior year to date.
- An original article consisting of no more than 1,000 words (**double spaced**). The Title of the article/essay will be **"How Pride for Our Country, Community, School and Family Directs My Daily Life"**.
- **FOUR** letters of recommendation are required:
 - **ONE LETTER** from either the Principal or Guidance Counselor of the school from which the applicant is graduating.
 - **ONE LETTER** from a Clergyman/Clergy-woman or spiritual leader of the applicant's choice.
 - **TWO LETTERS** from citizens, other than relatives, certifying to the applicant's Americanism, Character and Leadership qualities.
- **A confidential confirmation of financial need from the parent or guardian, including annual income and expenses and/or resources available to the applicant.**
The person writing a letter must indicate his/her position in relation to the applicant.
- A brief letter from the applicant stating the reason for his/her choice of vocation.
- **Recipient receiving award will need to show acceptance letter from the school of higher learning, (monies will be distributed to school of higher learning, not directly to recipient).**

NOTE: School records and any items of a confidential nature may be sealed if necessary.

DEADLINE: Completed Application Packet **MUST** be received by the PPP Department Chairman no later than **April 1, 2025**.

Mail to: Colleen Breen-Lopez
46 Grove Street
Singac, NJ 07424-1123

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- Name of Applicant _____ Phone No. _____
- Address _____
Street City Country State Zip
- Date of Birth _____
- Email: _____
- How long have you been a resident of New Jersey? _____
- Name of Veteran through whom eligible _____
- Branch of U.S. armed Forces Veteran served in _____
- Number of dependent children in family: Under 18 years _____ Over 18 years _____
- Occupation of Father (Stepfather) _____ Annual Income _____
- Occupation of Mother (Stepmother) _____ Annual Income _____
- Total monthly government compensation received by parents and/or children:
\$ _____, Total monthly compensation or pension for applicant if mother has
remarried or is deceased \$ _____.
- Are you eligible for benefits under the Jr. G.I. Bill? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you eligible for or drawing Social Security payments? Yes _____ No _____
- Expected date of graduation from high school. _____
- Name of high school. _____
- Name and location of College or University you desire to attend:

- Degree or career field you plan to pursue. _____
- Estimated total annual expense for school. _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____