

Gold Star Unit 191 Scholarship Rules

Gold Star Unit 191, American Legion Auxiliary, Mount Airy, Maryland, shall award one (1) \$1,500.00 Non-traditional Scholarship each year each year. Scholarship includes continued studies in: Arts/Science, Business, General Studies, Education, Human Medical Science fields or a Trade School.

The scholarships shall be offered to adults and young adults who are returning to college to pursue a Bachelor's or Masters program or an adult or young adult entering a trade school program who are citizens of the United States residing in Maryland or who are currently a member of Gold Star Squadron or Unit 191 residing outside of Maryland; with preference given to veterans' relatives. Current college students who have not received a scholarship the previous year from Gold star Unit 191 may apply.

Once a scholarship is awarded, it may be renewed for an additional three (3) years. The renewing applicant must be a full-time college student at the school of his/her choice, have an average grade of "C" or better, and he/she must resubmit a completed application each year and it must be received by the due date. There is no implied guarantee of renewal.

All recipients must supply the Unit Scholarship chairman with the name and address of the college to which the scholarship funds are to be submitted. The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college. If required information is not received by January 15 of the following year, the scholarship funds are relinquished.

The scholarships shall be awarded on the following basis:

- CHARACTER: High standard of conduct, keen sense of right; strength of character adherence to truth and conscience; devotion to church and daily duties
- AMERICANISM: Fine ideals; love of country; ability to accept a citizen's responsibilities.
- LEADERSHIP: Ability to lead and to accomplish through group action; evidence of industry and application in studies
- SCHOLARSHIP: Scholastic attainment; with transcript of last institution attended; evidence of industry and application in studies.

Completed applications (including ALL **hand signed** required signatures) for all applicants must be postmarked to Gold Star Unit 191 Scholarship Chairman **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1** each year. You may choose to email a scanned copy of the application to (ALAAunit191scholarship@gmail.com). **HOWEVER** the original application and all documentation must still be postmarked by April 1st. Signatures must be hand signed. NO electronic signatures or stamps will be accepted!

After applications are submitted, final choice will be made by the Unit upon recommendation of our judges. Letters will be sent by the Chairman notifying the student and High Schools of the selection and a report of the same will be given at the next Unit meeting.

_____ Applicant's hand signature

_____ Parent/Guardian hand signature (if under the age of 18)

Mail applications to:
Scholarship Chairman
Gold Star Unit 191
PO Box 24
Mount Airy, Maryland 21771

Email questions to : ALAAunit191scholarship@gmail.com

ENSURE ALL MATERIAL IS INCLUDED IN APPLICATION PACKAGE. THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL ONLY JUDGE COMPLETED PACKAGES. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1.

Gold Star Unit 191

American Legion Auxiliary / Mount Airy, Maryland Scholarship Application

The following **MUST** be attached to this application to be considered for this scholarship or renewal:

1. An official record of applicant's scholastic grades during high school years or **official** college transcript.
2. Separate list of current extracurricular activities.
3. Three (3) **current / signed** letters of reference as to character, leadership, and Americanism. (Principal, Counselor, High School or College Professor (mandatory if in high school or college) **and** two others from individuals not related to you.)
4. An original essay (300 words or less) on your chosen career and your aim towards it.
5. A signed copy of the Scholarship Rules
6. All **signatures** must be **HAND SIGNED**. E-signatures are NOT accepted.

Name of Applicant _____ Date of Birth _____

Home address _____

Email address _____

Phone #: _____ Second Phone # (or parents): _____

Member of American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion # _____

Attend Girls/Boys State? _____ Year _____

Name of Father / Guardian _____ Branch of Service: _____

Date of Enlistment: _____ Date of Discharge: _____

Member of American Legion Post / Squadron # _____

Name of Mother / Guardian _____ Branch of Service: _____

Date of Enlistment: _____ Date of Discharge: _____

Member of American Legion Post / Squadron # _____

List of other veterans to whom you are related. Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Other family member _____ Branch of Service: _____

Date of Enlistment: _____ Date of Discharge: _____

Member of American Legion Post / Squadron # _____

Please circle the statement that applies:

2026 High School graduate 2025 Unit 191 Scholarship Recipient Adult

Date of graduation from High School _____

Name of High School _____

College, University, or Trade School applicant plans to attend or is attending:

Major applicant wishes to pursue or is pursuing _____

Hand Signature of High School Guidance Counselor or College Registrar, if current high school or college student

Hand signed Signature of Applicant

Hand signed Signature of Parent / Guardian (if under age of 18)

The COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2026