

# **Samsung American Legion Scholarship**

Worldwide electronics leader Samsung endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million to be administered by The American Legion in 1996. Meant to show appreciation for U.S. veterans who came to Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces in the Korean War, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program established a series of scholarships derived from interest and other income from the principal amount. In 2011, we should be able to award 11 \$20,000 scholarships and \$1,000 scholarships to all remaining national finalist.

## **Eligibility**

Scholarships are restricted to high school juniors who complete either a Boys State or Girls State program and are a direct descendant - i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. - or a legally adopted child of a wartime veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership.

Samsung scholarships are for undergraduate study only and may be used for tuition, books, fees, and room and board. Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community activities, community service and financial need. Applicants who are direct descendants of Korean War veterans will receive special consideration.

## **Deadline**

Applications are submitted to program staff upon participants' arrival at Girls State.

## **Application**

The application is attached with this email or can be found at Legion.org by looking under "How We Serve" just to the right of the Legion Emblem and then "Scholarship" in the drop down box that will take you the page describing the scholarships with links to the application.

## **Notes**

Documentation showing veteran served on active duty during eligibility period(s) indicated on the front page of the application must be submitted. A copy is acceptable, and will not be returned. Types of acceptable 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 Air Force documents, Department of Veterans Affairs documents (federal or state), American Legion documents, Obituaries, and entries in a family Bible or Holy Scriptures.

Your school seal is required on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the application.