

Dear Boys' State Delegate:

SUBJECT: Samsung American Legion Scholarship

If you are a direct descendant i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. of a US wartime veteran and participate in The American Legion Boys State program, then you are eligible to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

The Samsung American Legion Scholarship application may be found on The American Legion's website at www.legion.org. Under "Programs" across the top, click on "Scholarships" on the left. Scroll down to Samsung American Legion Scholarship. Scroll to bottom of page, click on "Access the online Samsung Scholarship application here". All applications must be submitted using the online application system. Once completed, print out and bring with you to registration. Please see additional tips on the website, click on [FAQ – American Legion Samsung Scholarship](#).

If eligible, complete the application, attach the required veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty and **submit your application to your counselor at registration upon arrival at Catawba College for the Boys' State Program on June 17, 2018. Applications will not be accepted before Boys' State registration or after Boys' State registration, June 17, 2018. Please DO NOT mail your Samsung application with your Boys' State application.**

If you need assistance in obtaining a copy of the veteran's DD-214, call the Veterans Administration at 1-800-827-1000 or check with you county register of deeds office. The government website for applying for DD-214 online is: as follows: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/index.html>. You may also obtain a list of allowable documents for the purpose of establishing honorable active duty service on the Internet at www.cem.va.gov/dischdocs.htm.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

ROY PRESSLEY
Tar Heel Boys' State Director

Samsung American Legion Scholarship

Award Amounts

Samsung scholarships may be used for undergraduate studies and applied toward tuition, books, fees, and room and board. Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community service.

- Ten National Scholars receive \$10,000 each (two from each region)
- Ten National Runners-Up receive \$5,000 each (two from each region)
- Remaining Department Finalists receive \$1,250 each guaranteed

Eligibility

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

- World War I - Apr. 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918
- World War II - Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946
- Korean War - June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955
- Vietnam War - Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
- Lebanon/Grenada - Aug. 24, 1982 - Jul. 31, 1984
- Panama - Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990
- Persian Gulf War - Aug. 2, 1990 - Until cessation
- Includes Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom & War on Terrorism

Applicants who are direct descendants of Korean War Veterans will receive 3 bonus points.

Applicants with membership to the American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion will receive a bonus point. Or, they can receive a bonus point by uploading a membership card of a parent. No more than one bonus point for an application.

Proof of Service Documentation

ACCEPTABLE

- Form DD214 (Official discharge certificate)
- Official "Honorable Discharge" certificate
- Form DD1300 (Official military death certificate)
- Official record of burial in a military cemetery issued by the National Cemetery Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Current or former military ID card
- Current or former LES (Leave and Earnings Statement)
- Official logbook entries from a military unit
- ANY OTHER DOCUMENT LISTED ON THE "Military Service Verification Documents List" (Linked below)

UNACCEPTABLE

- Any otherwise "acceptable" document that is illegible
- Obituaries
- Pictures of military headstones
- Pictures of service members in uniform
- Entries in non-military and/or non-official records or books
- Membership cards from veterans organizations
- VA Healthcare Cards

The following locations may be of assistance.

- Many certificates of discharge prior to 1979 do not appear to be "official" documents as many were typed onto a sheet of paper. If you are unsure if it is an official document, please ask your American Legion service officer. Department Service Officers are listed by state at <http://www.legion.org/serviceofficer> or download The American Legion Claims Coach Mobile App through Google Play or iTunes App Store.
- The National Archives and Records Administration: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/index.html>
- The County Clerk and Records Office where the veteran resided.
- The funeral home may have kept a copy if military honors were provided.
- Monument company if VA headstone or marker was ordered.
- If the veteran had utilized a VA Home Loan there may be a copy of the DD214 with the title documentation.
- Veterans who have signed up for EBENEFITS through the Veterans Administration may be able to obtain a printable copy from <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>
- The State Director of Veterans Affairs may have received a copy of the veterans DD214 at the time of discharge from military service. This will be specific to the state in which the veterans home of record.

Deadline

Scholarships are due no later than the first day of a participant's American Legion Boys State program. All applications must be submitted using the online application system by 11:59PM on this day. Applications will not be modified after the due date or given a deadline extension under any circumstance.