



## American Legion Auxiliary Palmetto Girls State

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### **INFORMATION ON SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP**

#### IMPORTANT:

- The Samsung American Legion Scholarship Online Application is open and available to **eligible** students.
- ALL applications must be completed and submitted online.
- The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is administered by The American Legion National Office in Indianapolis, Indiana. Carefully review all materials on the Samsung American Legion Scholarship webpage -- <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung> and follow the instructions. ALA Palmetto Girls State cannot change any of the instructions or the deadline for submission.
- After submitting the application online, print a copy of the entire application including the uploaded documentation and bring the printed copy to ALA Palmetto Girls State. You must submit the copy of the application at check-in on Sunday, June 9, 2019.

In 1996, Samsung Corporation of South Korea, a worldwide leader in electronics, endowed a scholarship fund to provide scholarships to descendants of U.S. wartime veterans. This endowment was made to show appreciation to U.S. veterans who came to the aid of Korea during its struggle against communist forces during the Korean War.

Samsung asked The American Legion to administer this scholarship program. The scholarship may be used for undergraduate study only at an accredited U.S. college or university. To date, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship program has awarded more than \$5.5 million in scholarships.

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.

Only participants in an American Legion Auxiliary Girls State (ALA Girls State) or an American Legion Boys State (TAL Boys State) who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans are eligible to compete for these scholarships. Each ALA Girls State and TAL Boys State program will select one application to submit to the national level for judging. **Of the applications submitted at ALA Palmetto Girls State, one (1) application will be selected to compete on the national level for one of the scholarships to be awarded.**

Eligibility for these scholarships is limited to high school juniors (1) who participate in and complete either an ALA Girls State or TAL Boys State program and (2) who are direct descendants of a U.S. veteran who served during a period of war. For purposes of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship,

**direct descendant** is defined as direct lineage, i.e. child, grandchild, or great-grandchild, etc. Adopted children and step-children are considered direct descendants and are eligible. (Siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousins are not direct descendants and are not eligible.)

**Periods of war** are defined by the following dates inclusive:

- 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 of hostilities (includes present conflicts of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and War on Terrorism).

**IMPORTANT:** The Samsung American Legion Scholarship Application **must be completed online**. The application requires thought and work to complete. In addition to the applicant's work on the application, certain specified documentation must be uploaded to the online application system. Documentation which must accompany the application includes:

- (1) an academic progress form which must be completed and signed by a school official (this form is available on the online application system) and
- (2) an official record of your relative's military service.

You are encouraged to review the application as soon as possible and formulate a plan to complete the application and obtain the required documentation.

If you are eligible to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, access the online application site via The American Legion website - <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>. We suggest that you review all the materials related to the Samsung American Legion Scholarship on the American Legion website at <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>. For your convenience, we have posted the "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Samsung American Legion Scholarship" on the Palmetto Girls State website. Please note that a list of acceptable Military Verification Documents is available on The American Legion website.

Upon accessing the online application system, you will be directed to create a personal user account and password. Creating the user account enables an applicant to save work on the application and return for multiple sessions to complete the application. Please note that the application cannot be submitted until all materials are uploaded, all required fields are completed, and school information has been submitted. A copy of the completed application may be printed upon submission.

We at ALA Palmetto Girls State cannot grant an extension of time to complete the application or change any rules related to the application or the process. The rules are set by The American Legion, and ALA Palmetto Girls State cannot change them. The online application for ALA Palmetto Girls State will close at midnight on Sunday, June 9, 2019, and no further applications from ALA Palmetto Girls State can be submitted. You must complete and submit your application before arrival at ALA Palmetto Girls State on Sunday, June 9, 2019, as you will not have time to work on the application after you arrive at ALA Palmetto Girls State.

Remember -- For an application to be considered, the application must be completed and submitted online prior to arriving at ALA Palmetto Girls State on Sunday, June 9, 2019, **AND** a copy of the completed application with copies of supporting documentation must be turned-in during the check-in process at ALA Palmetto Girls State on Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Good luck.