

## SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Congratulations on your selection as an American Legion Boys State delegate for 2011. This identifies you as a leader within your school and community and may make you eligible for a \$20,000 college scholarship.

The Samsung Group of South Korea recently endowed an educational fund for the descendants of U.S. wartime veterans. This expression of appreciation recognizes American service and sacrifice ensuring the freedom of South Korea.

The American Legion will administer this fund, making the 2011 selection of Samsung American Legion scholars from delegates to Boys State and Girls State Programs in Michigan and each of the other forty-nine states. A Michigan Boys State delegate will win a \$1,000 scholarship and compete for one of the twelve, \$20,000 scholarships to be awarded this fall.

The direct descendent (child, grandchild, great-grand child or legally adopted child) of a U.S. veteran who served on active military duty during WWI (Apr. 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918), WWII (Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946), Korean War (June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955), Vietnam War (Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975), Lebanon/Grenada War (Aug. 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984), Panama War (Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990), Persian Gulf War (Aug. 2, 1990 - Until cessation of hostilities includes Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom) are eligible to apply. A photocopy of the veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other document(s) must be attached to the application. **Completed applications must be received at The American Legion, 212 North Verlinden Avenue, Ste. A, Lansing, MI, 48915 by close of business on Monday, July 25, 2011. Samsung application forms are available online at [www.michiganlegion.org/boysstate](http://www.michiganlegion.org/boysstate).**

The two required documents are:

1. **DD-214 or Certificate of Discharge showing veteran's war-era service.**
2. **A completed Samsung American Legion Scholarship application. Please note, this application requires information from an official of your high school (principal or counselor) concerning your high school's total enrollment, the size of your class, your class rank, your cumulative grade point average, an explanation of your school's grading system, your expected date of graduation and your SAT or ACT score (if either test has been taken). This information must be certified by the official's signature and the school's stamp or seal. If SAT or ACT scores are not reported by the school official, The American Legion will automatically assign a substitute numerical score for scholarship determination based on the student's grade point average and class standing.**

If the veteran does not have a personal copy of his/her DD-214 form, the veteran may request a copy from the National Personnel Records Center, ATTN: Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO, 63132. The veteran's request should include full name, social security number and/or service number, date of birth, branch of military service and the beginning and ending dates of active military service. Please make the request as soon as possible. Expect delays in receiving the document. Requests for documents must be made by the veteran or if he or she is deceased, by the veteran's next of kin.

Veterans of the Vietnam era or later, who had a Michigan address upon their discharge from active duty may also request a copy of their DD-214 form from the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, PO Box 30026, Lansing, MI, 48909. Their phone number is (517) 373-3130. Although their records are not complete, the majority of discharged military personnel of this time period can receive the document from this source. It may take up to 4 to 8 weeks to receive a copy of the DD-214 in the mail.

The American Legion, Department of Michigan bears no responsibility to provide a copy of the veteran's DD-214 form for the purposes of applying for this scholarship.

You may contact The American Legion, Department of Michigan for additional information by phone at (517) 371-4720 ext. 11, facsimile at (517) 371-2401 or by e-mail at [programs@michiganlegion.org](mailto:programs@michiganlegion.org). Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In closing, please let me emphasize that one of the 300 Boys State delegates attending The American Legion, Department of Michigan 2011 Boys State Program will be nominated for this scholarship. He in turn will compete against no more than forty-nine other young men and fifty young women who will have attended The American Legion, Auxiliary Girls State Program. **If you are eligible, please apply!**



**SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
2011**



**ELIGIBILITY:** High school juniors who are a direct descendant, i.e. child, grandchild, great-grandchild or a legally adopted child, of a U.S. veteran who served during a period of war and is a delegate to either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. **Application must be typed or use a word processor.** Do not attach any documents or additional pages to this application, except as required. All questions must be answered in order to be considered.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I am the (state relationship) \_\_\_\_\_ of (veteran's name) \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's address (if living) \_\_\_\_\_

who served on **active duty** during one or more of the following periods of war. Check the appropriate war period:

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

Expected Family Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (To find EFC go on-line at: [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) "click" on Calculators and use "Federal Methodology".)

**High School Record – This section is to be completed by a high school official. (May be handwritten.)**

Number of students in high school \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students in applicant's class \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ GPA scale is \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. 4 point, 6 point, 12 point, etc.)

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores Math \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Written \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ **and/or** ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** Date \_\_\_\_\_  
**Type/print name and title**  
**Affix school stamp or seal**

**For Official Use Only**

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Honors & Awards \_\_\_\_\_  
 Descendant of Korean War Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Community Service/Volunteerism \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_



Explain your long-range goals for school and career. Describe what specific skills and personal values you want to foster in yourself to achieve these ends.

**Describe any circumstances that may affect your family's ability to provide for your college education.**

**Describe any community service /volunteer work in which you have been involved during your high school career (grades nine through eleven). If your community service/volunteer work was required, explain why.**

**Activities** - List the school clubs, teams, and organizations you belonged to or participated in during grades nine (9) through eleven (11). List the dates you participated (mm/yy), number of hours per week or month, total hours and accomplishments or honors earned.

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List the non-school clubs, teams, and organizations you belonged to or participated in during grades nine (9) through eleven (11). List the dates you participated (mm/yy), number of hours per week or month, total hours and accomplishments or honors earned.

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**State/National Awards and Honors.** List up to five state or national awards/honors you have received. (For example, All-State Choir, National Merit Semifinalist.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**School/Local Awards and Honors.** List up to five school or local awards/honors you have received. (For example, DAR Good Citizen Award, 4-H, Scholastic Athlete Award.) The fact that you are submitting this application presumes that you have participated in a Boys State or Girls State Program. Do not include that program as a School/Local Award or Honor.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**What do you like to do for fun and/or enjoyment?**

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## **CERTIFICATION**

If I am selected as a scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree and hereby grant permission to The American Legion and Samsung Group to use my likeness and name in announcing and promoting this scholarship program. I understand and agree that the National Selection Committee is solely responsible for the selection of the scholarship winners and its decision is final. I have completed the scholarship application and have attached the veteran's verification document. I grant permission to the school of higher education I attend to release information concerning my enrollment status, academic standing and financial need to The American Legion for use in administering my scholarship award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that falsification of information will result in termination of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

If my child is selected as a scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree and hereby grant permission to The American Legion and Samsung Group to use my child's likeness and name in announcing and promoting this scholarship program. I understand and agree that the National Selection Committee is solely responsible for the selection of the scholarship winners and its decision is final. My child has completed the scholarship application and has attached the veteran's verification document. I grant permission to the school of higher education my child attends to release information concerning my child's enrollment status, academic standing and financial need to The American Legion for use in administering my child's scholarship award. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that falsification of information will result in termination of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

Note: 1. If a legal guardian signs this certification, all personal pronouns shall be deemed to be read as if singular and not plural and 2. A copy of the appointment of the legal guardian signing must be attached.

**Attach to this application documentation showing veteran served on active duty during eligibility period(s) indicated on front of this application. *SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO YOUR BOYS/GIRLS STATE PROGRAM OFFICIALS AS DIRECTED.***

### **The Rules and Conditions under which the scholarships are awarded and the program administered shall be:**

1. Those eligible to apply for the scholarships shall be students who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans who served during one or more of the periods of war officially designated as such by the United States government: World War I - April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918; World War II - December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946; Korean War - June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955; Vietnam War - February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975; Lebanon and Grenada - August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984; Panama - December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990 and Persian Gulf War - August 2, 1990 to cessation of hostilities as determined by the United States government.
2. The annual Samsung American Legion Scholarship applicant pool will include one representative from each American Legion Boys State program; one representative from each American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program; and one high school junior boy and one high school junior girl from the Department of Hawaii. From this pool of "state finalists" scholarship recipients will be selected by the National Committee on Education. These scholarship recipients will be known as "Samsung American Legion Scholars."
3. *Samsung American Legion Scholars* will have six (6) years to utilize their scholarship funds from the date of graduation from high school, excluding any time spent on active military duty or church mission. Remaining *State Finalists* will have two (2) years to utilize their scholarship funds from the date of graduation from high school, excluding any time spent on active military duty or church mission.
4. The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited U.S. college or university. The recipients must be enrolled as a full-time student to request his/her scholarship funds. The number and amount of the scholarship awards will be determined by the income derived from the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Trust.
5. The scholarship funds may only be used to defray necessary costs of the student's education (i.e. tuition, room & board, books & supplies, fees and equipment required by the student's particular course of study or school). A student may request any amount up to and including his/her total scholarship award at one time. The amount of the fund request cannot exceed the cost of education. Students may make only one (1) request for funds per semester or quarter.
6. Scholarship checks will be issued upon receipt of a "Request for Funds" form. It is the normal and customary procedure that the scholarship check will be a two-party check made payable to the student and school. Students who have not requested their award will receive one (1) written notice reminding them of their award and the time limits remaining to receive their award. State finalists will receive their notice prior to their last year of eligibility. Samsung American Legion Scholars will receive their notice with two years of eligibility remaining.
7. Unused scholarship funds will be returned to the scholarship trust fund for future awards.