

Delegates please be informed that you, as a Girls State Delegate 2010, could be eligible to apply for the Samsung Scholarship. You are required to be a descendant of a veteran (see below). Special points are given to a descendant of a veteran who served during the Korean War (see below). Example: Mary Smith had two grandfathers who were veterans. One grandfather served during WWII and the other grandfather served during the Korean War. Mary Smith should submit her application with an attached copy of the DD-214 or Honorable Discharge papers from the grandfather that served during the Korean War. If Mary had both grandfathers serve during WWII, she should still apply for the scholarship, using only one of the grandfather's DD-214 or Honorable Discharge papers.

Samsung American Legion Scholarship

Samsung, a worldwide leader in electronics, endowed a scholarship fund of five million dollars to be administered by The American Legion. The 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. "The Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program" established a series of scholarships derived from interest and other income from the \$5,000,000 principal amount. In 2008, eleven (11) \$20,000 scholarships and 85 \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

Eligibility:

High school juniors who participate in and complete either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program and be a direct descendant, i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. or a legally adopted child, of a U.S. wartime veteran who served on active duty during one or more of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion by the United States government: WW I -- April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918; WW 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.

Scholarship:

The scholarship is for undergraduate study only and may be used for: tuition, books, fees, and room and board. The selection of the scholarship winners will be based, in part, upon the following criteria: academic record; involvement in school activities; involvement in community activities; community service; financial need and additional bonus points in the selection process will be awarded to descendants of U.S. veterans of the Korean War.

PLEASE NOTE: The application consists of seven (7) pages, and it must be typed, except for the school's section and page seven (7) which is the signature and date page. You will have to fill out page one (1) in advance, do not fill in the "Expected Family Contribution," print page one (1), submit to the school to fill in the school's section, make sure the school's seal is affixed, return page one (1) to a typewriter and then type in the "Expected Family Contribution" for privacy purposes. The scholarship application is available in Adobe Reader that allows the application to be downloaded and saved to your computer. Go to this address and download the scholarship application:

<http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/samsungscholarship.pdf>

Please follow the instructions to the "**exact**" in completing the application. **Remember** you cannot handwrite anything on it (only the high school official is allowed and the signature/date-last page). Do not attach additional documents, only the copy of the veteran's discharge document. Bring the completed application with you on the morning you register for Girls State at Northwestern University.

If you need a copy of the veteran's DD-214 or Honorable Discharge, please go to this address and download the application as soon as possible: http://www.lalegion-aux.org/request_pertaining_to_military_records.pdf

For further information pertaining to the scholarship application, please contact your Unit's Girls State Chairman.