

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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**Resolution No. 28: Updated Rules and Conditions for the Samsung American Legion
Scholarship Program**

Origin: Committee on Youth Education

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, In 1995 The American Legion was honored to receive a \$5 million scholarship endowment from Samsung Group as a gesture of appreciation for the sacrifices of U.S. service men and women who helped maintain security of the Korean peninsula during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1 of the National Executive Committee, September 3, 1995, titled “Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program” authorized The American Legion to create a scholarship program by the same name; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 28 of the National Executive Committee, October 18-19, 2000, titled “Rules and Conditions for Administration of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program” established criteria for awarding the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program from an applicant pool of representatives from The American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 19, National Executive Committee, October 9-10, 2002, incorporated changes in eligibility criteria for students from Hawaii as recommended by the National Committee on Education with subsequent concurrence by the National Americanism Commission; and

WHEREAS, In 2013 The American Legion was pleased to honor its longstanding relationship with Samsung through presentation of its prestigious Patriot Award, followed by a visit to Samsung Global Headquarters in Seoul, Korea, by the national commander; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion and Samsung Electronics located at the North America Headquarters in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, have reinvigorated discussions of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program to enhance the application process for benefit of the applicants, and publicly promote and elevate prominence of the Samsung American Legion Scholars; and

WHEREAS, Revision to the rules and conditions under which Samsung American Legion scholarships were awarded which reflected implementation of dividing the pool of Samsung American Legion State Finalists into regions was contained in Resolution. No. 24 of the National Executive Committee in October 2014; and

WHEREAS, The recent addition of a formal American Legion Boys State program of the Department of District of Columbia and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program of the Department of Hawaii requires another update to the rules and conditions under which Samsung American Legion scholarships are awarded; and

WHEREAS, The rules and conditions under which Samsung American Legion scholarships are awarded are recommended by the Committee on Youth Education with subsequent concurrence by the Americanism Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 8-9, 2019, That the Rules and Conditions under which Samsung American Legion Scholarships are awarded is hereby updated to include the American Legion Boys State program of the Department of District of Columbia and the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program of the Department of Hawaii; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all other Rules and Conditions under which Samsung American Legion Scholarships are awarded shall remain the same; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rules and Conditions under which Samsung American Legion Scholarships are awarded shall now read in its entirety as follows:

- 1. 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 from the Department of Hawaii will comprise the pool of “Samsung American Legion State Finalists”**
- 2. The pool of Samsung American Legion State Finalists will be divided into five (5) geographic regions:**
 - Western Region: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington**
 - Midwest Region: Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming**
 - Central Region: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin**
 - Southeast Region: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas**
 - Northeast Region: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, District of Columbia**
- 3. Two (2) “Samsung American Legion Scholars” will be selected by the Committee on Youth Education from each regional pool of State Finalists**
- 4. 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**
 - Gulf War/War on Terrorism August 2, 1990 to cessation of hostilities as determined by the United States government**

5. 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
6. Samsung American Legion 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
7. The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited U.S. college or university
8. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled as a full-time student to request his/her scholarship funds
9. The number and amount of the scholarship awards will be determined by the income derived from the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Trust
10. 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)
11. A student may request any amount up to and including his/her total scholarship award at one time
12. The amount of the fund request cannot exceed the cost of education
13. Students may make only one (1) request for funds per semester or quarter
14. Scholarship checks will be issued upon receipt of a "Request for Funds" form
15. A scholarship check will be issued in the normal and customary procedure of a two-party check made payable to the student and school
16. 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
17. State finalists will receive their notice prior to their last year of eligibility
18. Samsung American Legion Scholars will receive their notice with two years of eligibility remaining
19. Unused scholarship funds will be returned to the scholarship trust fund for future awards; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all rules and conditions shall be included on each Samsung American Legion Scholarship application; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 24 of the National Executive Committee, October 15-16, 2014, titled "Revised Rules and Conditions for Administration of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program" is hereby superseded and rescinded.