

**American Legion Auxiliary
Fifth District Merit Award Application
Year 2026**

1. Name : _____
2. Home Address: _____

3. Name/Address of Parents or Guardians: _____

4. Are you a member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of the American Legion? Circle those that apply.
5. The veteran under whom you qualify for this Merit Award and his or her branch of service:

6. What is your relationship to that Veteran? _____
7. Parents or Guardians occupations: _____

8. How many in your family? _____ Dependent children? _____
9. Level of education completed. _____
Name of School Attended: _____
10. List up to 10 of your school and community activities. _____

11. Name and location of school in IOWA you wish to attend. Enclose acceptance letter if available.

12. Course of Study you plan to pursue: _____
13. Anticipated year of graduation? _____
14. Do you expect to work to assist yourself while in school? _____
15. What other income resources do you have? _____
16. Have you ever received a Fifth District Merit Award/Scholarship? _____

Signature of applicant _____

Daytime Telephone Number _____

Please see reverse side for application instructions

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. To be eligible to apply for this award you must a Post member, Unit member or a Veteran's child, grandchild or great grandchild, stepchild, step-grandchild, step great-grandchild who plans to attend a college, university, professional, nursing, trade school, commercial, or vocational education in an accredited school operated **within the state of Iowa**. Amount of the Merit Award is \$400.00 and will be disbursed in June of the year awarded to the recipient.
2. You must submit a transcript of your latest school grades, rank in class, and a composite score on standardized tests.
3. A letter of recommendation from **EACH** category below must be included with the application:
 - a. American Legion Post Commander **or** Unit President
 - b. School Administrator **or** Instructor **or** a member of your community, **or** business owner, **or** clergy
4. You must submit an original essay consisting of not over 400 words which will give insight into your personality and qualities you want to be known and remembered by. This must be type written and double spaced. It is your responsibility that it is in proper grammatical form with correct spelling and punctuation.
5. Make certain the application form is completed correctly and is type written (or neatly printed – If I can't read it I will not be able to judge it!), placed in a packet with all other supporting documents and sent to the name and address listed below. Please make sure it has the appropriate amount of postage for delivery. Applications requiring postage due will be discarded.
6. Deadline for receipt of these materials is April 3, 2026.
7. Send to:

Randie Gist
418 North 10th Street
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

If questions, you can email me at randie.dixon25@gmail.com