Department of Connecticut
American Legion Auxiliary
Past Presidents Parley
Memorial Education Grant
2025-2026

Attached is an application for a $500 Past Presidents Parley (PPP) Education Grant, which is being offered by the Department of Connecticut, American Legion Auxiliary, Past Presidents' Parley. Applications, along with all the required documents, must be sent via US Mail, postmarked by March 13, 2026, to:

Marie Delaney
PPP Memorial Education Grant Chairman
57 Edgecomb Street, Hamden, CT 06517

Information for Units and Applicants

A $500 maximum grant will be awarded for the school year 2025-2026 by the Past Presidents' Parley to assist a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of an ex-service WOMAN, who is a member for at least three (3) years in the American Legion and/or American Legin Auxiliary, Department of Connecticut, or who was a member for three (3) years prior to their death, to secure an education beyond the high school level.

In the event there are not enough applicants from ex-service woman's children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, the Memorial Education Grant will be awarded to the child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a member of the American Legion and/or American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Connecticut, who has been a member for three (3) years or was a member for the three (3) years prior to their death; or a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild that is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and/or Sons of the American Legion, Department of Connecticut for at least three (3) years.

At least one Memorial Education Grant will be for a nursing student, with an official letter from the college, showing acceptance into a nursing program.

Three (3) members of the PPP Memorial Education Grant Committee shall make the final selections.

The winners will be announced at the annual Past Presidents' Spring Parley Meeting, then presented to the Department Executive Committee for approval.

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Rules

1. Applicants must not be over 23 years of age and in an undergraduate program.
2. Applicants must show need of financial assistance. (Please be sure all financial questions on the application are properly filled out.)
3. Applicants must have a high school education, or the equivalent, and enrolled or is eligible for entry into a university, college, technical school, or a professional school that meets the approval of the committee.

Application Rules

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1. Completed application (2 pages)
2. CURRENT transcript of grades
3. Two (2) CURRENT dated and signed letters of recommendation indicated below
   A. Applicant's guidance counselor or current teacher, or if applicant attends college – a letter from college advisor or current professor.
   B. An adult, US citizen, acquainted with the applicant but NOT a relative or connected with the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the America Legion or an official member of the American Legion Riders. Employers or directors of volunteer groups with which the applicant works are acceptable, along with teachers (not used for 1A above) or school personnel.
4. List of DATED school and community activities
5. Short essay "How will receiving this grant help me to achieve my future goals?"
6. All rules MUST be followed exactly to be eligible

Sincerely,

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Application

1. **Name of Applicant** _____

Address_____

City/Town_____ **Zip** _____ **Date of Birth**_____

2. **Name of person by which applicant is eligible** _____

   Relationship_____ **Living** _____ **Deceased**_____

   Is/was the person a member of the
   CT American Legion? No _____ **Yes** _____**, if Yes, AL Post #**_____**, # of years of membership** _____
   CT American Legion Auxiliary? No_____ **Yes** _____**, if Yes, ALA Unit #**_____ **# of years of membership**_____

3. **Do you qualify for eligibility under an Ex-Service Woman? Yes**_____ **No**_____

   If yes, is she a member of the CT American Legion _____ **and/or**
   CT American Legion Auxiliary_____
   Her Post #_____ **and/or Unit #**_____ **and # of years of membership**_____

4. **Are you (applicant) a member of the CT American Legion Auxiliary or CT Sons of the American Legion? Yes**_____ **No**_____
   Unit #_____ **or Squadron #**_____ **and, # of years of your membership** _____

5. **Number of dependent children in your family under 18 years of age** _____

   Number of dependent children in your family 18 years and over_____
   Explain why they are a dependent_____
   _____

6. **Occupation of Mother/Stepmother**_____ **Annual Income** _____

   Occupation of Father/Stepfather_____ **Annual Income**_____

   Occupation of Spouse_____**Annual Income**_____

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7. **Compensation or pension received by parent(s)? $_____**
   And/or Children $_____

8. **Are you eligible for Survivors and Dependents Education Benefits?**
   Yes_____ No_____

9. **Date of Graduation from High School? _____**

10. **College, University or Technical School applicant will attend?_____**

    _____, Location? _____

11. **Degree and career field applicant plans to pursue? _____**

    _____

12. **Approximate expenses of schooling for the coming year $_____**

13. **Approximate earnings of the applicant during the calendar year 2025? $_____**

14. **Include a short essay "How will receiving this grant help me to achieve my future goals?"**

Signature of Applicant_____ Date _____

Cell Phone #_____ Email Address:_____

Please check your application carefully. Be sure all requirements listed are completed and properly signed and dated.

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