

SECOND DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

Dear Guidance Counselor,

The Second District American Legion Auxiliary will be awarding three \$300.00 Merit Awards in April of 2026. Enclosed is a copy of the application form, please discard any previous applications. **Please note that this is a two-sided form.** Feel free to make more copies as needed.

MERIT AWARD ELIGIBILITY

1. The applicant must be either a member of the American Legion Auxiliary; or the daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, sister, wife, son, grandson, great-grandson, brother, widow, husband or step relative of a WWI or WWII to present day Veteran.
2. The applicant must be a resident of the Second District, attend high school in the Second District, or be eligible through a person paying dues in the Second District Legion or Auxiliary and reside in a District adjacent to the Second District. The Second District includes the counties of Clinton, Dubuque, Jackson, Jones, Linn, and Scott.
3. The applicant must be or must plan to be enrolled in a school in the State of Iowa.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE OF MARCH 15, 2026
NO EXCEPTIONS**

All application questions must be answered and **all** enclosures must be included to order for the committee to consider the application. Completed applications should be sent to the committee member whose address is listed on the application.

Thank you for your assistance with our Merit Award Program. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me. **PLEASE REMIND YOUR STUDENT TO MAIL THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBER LISTED ON PAGE TWO OF THE APPLICATION, WHICH IS POSSIBLY NOT ME.**

Diane Skinner
511 Clinton Street
Grand Mound, IA 52751
563-847-6070
skinner@gmtel.net

6. Financial Support

What have you done in the way of self-support?

Do you expect to support yourself while attending school? Yes No

Please Explain

Is anyone dependent upon you for support? Yes No

Please Explain

7. Required documentation

Check upon completion of the following requirements to be enclosed with this application

a. Transcript of last scholastic record

b. One letter of recommendation from one of the following

- School Counselor This recommendation should include items such
 Clergy Member as character, Americanism, basic need etc.
 Business Professional

c. Personal letter to contain

- ✓ Church and Community Activities
- ✓ Any college courses completed, degrees earned
- ✓ Hobbies
- ✓ Why you deserve this Merit Award
- ✓ Other information you wish the committee to know about you

8. Merit Awards Recipients

If you have been notified by the Merit Committee that you have been named a recipient of this Merit Award it will be your responsibility to complete the following by January 10

- ✓ Notify the Merit Committee Chairperson of your successful completion of Semester 1
- ✓ Send a copy of your enrollment for the second semester at an Iowa college

Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the Merit Award

Signature _____ Date _____

Application must reach Merit Award Committee member below by March 15, 2026.

Mail application to:

**Rhonda Riede
841 Cimarron Dr.
Davenport, IA 52804
563-940-0054**

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