



American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Westfield Unit 124 Scholarship

Applicant Information for 2026

Amount of Scholarship: \$500

Who is Eligible: Members, in good standing, of Unit 124 ALA, spouses or children or grandchildren who will be attending, as an undergraduate, an accredited college, community college or post-secondary vocational school, in a full-time, full-year program. Eligible students can be seniors in high school, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year college students. **Previous American Legion Auxiliary Westfield Unit scholarship award winners are not eligible.**

Dates:

- February 1, 2026 – Beginning date for submitting the completed scholarship application.
- **May 4, 2026 – Closing date – application and transcript must be received by Monday, May 4, 2026.**
- May 19, 2026 – Applicant notified by this date if they have received the scholarship
- May 25, 2026 Memorial Day – Recipient honored at ceremony at American Legion Post
- July 5, 2026 – Award check is mailed to the recipient but made out to the school that recipient will be attending

Selection is based on:

Academic Achievement: The Selection Committee will need your most recent transcript that includes the last semester you have completed. High School students send in a transcript through the first semester of senior year. College students send in a complete transcript that includes the Fall Semester of their current year.

Extracurricular Activities and Employment: List your extra-curricular/community service activities both in and out of school for the last four years. List all of your employment for the last two years.

Essays: The Goals and Aspirations Essay is required. Make clear, concise and complete statements of your educational and career goals that include a progression of activities or steps into your future. The Special Circumstances Essay **is optional** and only for applicants who have had to overcome adverse personal circumstances (medical, financial, family) that affected achievement in school, work experience, or participation in extra-curricular activities. It is intended to compensate for points lost in other areas of the application because of these extra challenges.

Applications should be downloaded, filled in and printed or can be downloaded and filled in manually. Manually filled in applications must be clear and legible, and essay questions typed. Applications **available online at <http://www.post124.org>**, click on **Scholarships** in left hand menu, and then click on American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit 124 Scholarship.

Eligible students need to:

1. Download the application; fill in all sections (optional Essay not necessary) and then print filled in application. Be as complete as possible to maximize your score.
2. Obtain copies of transcript.
3. Send in completed application and transcript to address below or alternately, drop off at American Legion Post 124, 38 Broad St., Westfield.
4. **Completed application and transcript must be received by Thursday, May 3, 2025 or postmarked by May 1, 2025. Late applications will not be considered.**

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 124 Westfield
Attn: ALA Scholarship Committee
38 BROAD STREET
Westfield, MA 01085