American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Rhode Island

Ida Barrington Memorial Book Award Application

RULES

1. Applicants for this Book Award shall be Junior Members of the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three years and must now hold a membership card for the year 2027. Applicants must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the Book Award period.

2. Applicants must be in their senior year of an accredited high school.

3. This is a Book Award to attend an accredited institution of higher education. Applicants must be of good character and have grades that meet entrance requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 base.

4. Participation in this Book Award program shall be on a voluntary basis in all Units within the Department of Rhode Island.

5. Each applicant must present the completed application packet to her own Unit President on or before May 30, 2025.

6. No Unit may enter more than one applicant in the Department competition.

7. The winning entry for each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President or Secretary no later than May 30, 2027 and mailed or emailed to the Department Secretary on or before June 1, 2027.

8. Judging shall be on the following basis:

a.	CHARACTER	20%
b.	AMERICANISM	20%
c.	LEADERSHIP	20%
d.	Book Award	40%

THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application form for the Ida Barrington Memorial Book Award for Junior Members.

2. The following THREE letters of recommendation are required:

   One letter from either the principal or guidance counselor of the school from which the applicant will graduate; to include the size of the class and the student's position in the class, and the cumulative grade point average.

   Two letters from adult citizens, other than relatives, attesting to the applicant's character in regard to conduct, citizenship, and leadership.

3. An original essay consisting of no more than 1,000 words (typed, double-spaced). The title of the essay will be "What My Country's Flag Means to Me."

4. A certified transcript of the high school grades of the applicant.

5. A copy of ACT or SAT scores (if applicable in your current high school).

EACH UNIT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION IN THE APPLICANT'S PACKET.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

IDA BARRINGTON MEMORIAL Book Award

APPLICATION

1. Name of Applicant: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ZIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ENROLLMENT DATE IN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY: _____

2. NAME OF VETERAN THROUGH WHOM APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN: _____

LIVING? _____ DECEASED? _____

3. PROPOSED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

4. NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU HOPE TO ATTEND: _____

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Print or Type Full Name Signature of Applicant

Telephone # _____ Date: _____

a. Why would receiving this Book Award be important to you? Please explain:

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b. What course of study do you plan to pursue and why?

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c. Describe your involvement in school, church, and community activities. Use attachment, if necessary:

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d. Why do you think the American Legion Auxiliary is important to the world today?

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NOTE: PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTACH OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS TO THIS APPLICATION AND SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT IN WHICH YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS RECORDED, NO LATER THAN May 30,2027

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING UNIT

The winning entry of each Unit shall be certified by the Unit President or Secretary and mailed to the Department Secretary, Alishia Levasseur, PO Box 6715, Warwick, Rhode Island 02887. For faster and more secure delivery, please email to RIAmericanLegionAuxiliary@gmail.comON/OR BEFORE June 1, 2027.

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Unit Name & Number Signature of Unit President or Secretary