

J.L. SHRYER - UNIT #430  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
MERIT AWARD APPLICATION

**Eligibility:** The \$700 annual merit award shall be awarded to **a graduating senior that is a member of, or has a family member of, the Durant American Legion Auxiliary Unit #430.**

This application must be completed and postmarked by May 1st, 2024. Please send or drop off to:

Kristine Knobloch  
308 2nd Street  
Durant, Iowa 52747

Applicants are responsible to answer all questions as a separate document and submit an essay.

**The essay section should meet the following criteria:**

- One page minimum, two pages maximum
- Double spaced with one inch margins
- Ariel or Times New Roman, 11 font
- Proper grammar
- Correct spelling and punctuation

**Please complete the below information:**

1. Name
2. Date of birth
3. Name of parents/guardians
4. Family member who belongs to the Durant Legion Auxiliary and your familial connection to them
5. Name and location of school in which you plan to enroll
6. Overview of your educational goals
7. Are you a member of the Durant American Legion Jr. Auxiliary?
  - a. What year did you join?

8. Provide a list of your top five to ten activities and awards through school, church, organizations, etc. and any volunteer/service experiences you have been a part of.
  - a. What did you gain from these experiences?

**The essay should answer the below questions:**

- Why is the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #430 important to you.
- Provide details of your involvement in Auxiliary mission-rich activities during your four years of high school.
  - What did you learn and apply through these experiences?
  - How will you continue to apply these learnings in the future?
- What did you learn about Americanism and/or the Auxiliary purpose, history, or impact from your family member belonging to the American Legion Auxiliary?

**Additional Information for the Applicant:**

- Submission of an application does not guarantee that a winner will be chosen, should all applicants' submissions not meet the standards of the Merit Award Committee.
- If the committee chooses, they can request that the candidates participate in an in-person (or virtual) interview to assist in making the best decision regarding the merit award winner. Should this occur, each applicant would be asked the same series of interview questions.