

SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Congratulations on your selection as an American Legion Boys State delegate for 2008. This identifies you as a leader within your school and community and may make you eligible for a \$20,000 college scholarship.

The Samsung Group of South Korea recently endowed an educational fund for the descendants of U.S. wartime veterans. This expression of appreciation recognizes American service and sacrifice ensuring the freedom of South Korea.

The American Legion will administer this fund, making the 2008 selection of Samsung American Legion scholars from delegates to Boys State and Girls State Programs in Michigan and each of the other forty-nine states. A Michigan Boys State delegate will win a \$1,000 scholarship and compete for one of the twelve, \$20,000 scholarships to be awarded this fall.

The direct descendent (child, grandchild, great-grand child or legally adopted child) of a U.S. veteran who served on active military duty during WWI (Apr. 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918), WWII (Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946), Korean War (June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955), Vietnam War (Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975), Lebanon/Grenada War (Aug. 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984), Panama War (Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990), Persian Gulf War (Aug. 2, 1990 - Until cessation of hostilities includes Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom) are eligible to apply. A photocopy of the veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other document(s) must be attached to the application. Completed applications must be received at The American Legion, 212 North Verlinden Avenue, Ste. A, Lansing, MI, 48915 by close of business on Friday, August 1, 2008. **Samsung application forms are available online at www.michiganboysstate.org, at www.legion.org and in the Boys State Office while at MSU.**

The two required documents are:

- 1. DD-214 or Certificate of Discharge showing veteran's war-era service.**
- 2. A completed Samsung American Legion Scholarship application. Please note, this application requires information from an official of your high school (principal or counselor) concerning your high school's total enrollment, the size of your class, your class rank, your cumulative grade point average, an explanation of your school's grading system, your expected date of graduation and your SAT or ACT score (if either test has been taken). This information must be certified by the official's signature and the school's stamp or seal. If SAT or ACT scores are not reported by the school official, The American Legion will automatically assign a substitute numerical score for scholarship determination based on the student's grade point average and class standing.**

If the veteran does not have a personal copy of his/her DD-214 form, the veteran may request a copy from the National Personnel Records Center, ATTN: Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO, 63132. The veteran's request should include full name, social security number and/or service number, date of birth, branch of military service and the beginning and ending dates of active military service. Please make the request as soon as possible. Expect delays in receiving the document. Requests for documents must be made by the veteran or if he or she is deceased, by the veteran's next of kin.

Veterans of the Vietnam era or later, who had a Michigan address upon their discharge from active duty may also request a copy of their DD-214 form from the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, PO Box 30026, Lansing, MI, 48909. Their phone number is (517) 373-3130. Although their records are not complete, the majority of discharged military personnel of this time period can receive the document from this source.

The American Legion, Department of Michigan bears no responsibility to provide a copy of the veteran's DD-214 form for the purposes of applying for this scholarship.

You may contact The American Legion, Department of Michigan for additional information by phone at (517) 371-4720 ext. 11, facsimile at (517) 371-2401 or by e-mail at programs@michiganlegion.org. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In closing, please let me emphasize that one of the 300 Boys State delegates attending The American Legion, Department of Michigan 2008 Boys State Program will be nominated for this scholarship. He in turn will compete against no more than forty-nine other young men and fifty young women who will have attended The American Legion, Auxiliary Girls State Program. **If you are eligible, please apply!**