

# AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS NEWS RELEASE



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **\$20,000.00 Scholarship to be Awarded This Thursday**

**American Legion National Commander Paul A. Morin will present a \$20,000 Scholarship to an Arkansas youth this Thursday, November 16, at 12:00 noon, at American Legion Post #1, 315 East Capitol Ave., Little Rock, AR, and media representatives are encouraged to attend.**

The scholarship is part of the **Samsung American Legion Scholarship program**. Samsung, a worldwide leader in electronics, endowed a scholarship fund of five million dollars to be administered by The American Legion. The endowment was made to show appreciation to U.S. veterans who came to the aid of Korea during its struggle against communist forces during the Korean War.

Twelve bright and promising students from across the country have been selected to receive this special gift --- the gift of knowledge. These recipients will hold the title of "Samsung American Legion Scholars," a claim that entitles each recipient to a \$20,000 college scholarship to be used for their undergraduate studies. Samsung officials said they selected the American Legion because of its dedication to educating children and its active membership.

#### **Eligibility:**

Prerequisites to apply for the scholarship include participation in the American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program, as well as being a direct descendant, (i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. or a legally adopted child) of a U.S. wartime veteran.

Approximately 20,000 eligible participants in American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs submitted applications. Through the screening process -- seven scholarship winners were selected. Their selection was based -- in part -- upon their academic record, involvement in school and community activities, and financial need. Although the Samsung scholarship winners all come from diverse backgrounds, they share some common threads. All are excellent students, all are active in their school and community and all have worked to make their school and community better.

For more information on this presentation, please contact the American Legion at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

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