

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 29: Amendment to Resolution No. 28 - “Updated Rules and Conditions for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program”

Origin: Committee on Youth Education

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The December 2011 change to the federal charter implemented by the U.S. Congress established that The American Legion National Organization may not control or otherwise influence the specific activities and conduct of state or local chapters, thereby giving American Legion departments the ultimate authority for establishing criteria for eligibility, selection, participation and operation of their own American Legion Boys State program; and

WHEREAS, Being two distinct corporate entities, The American Legion possesses no authority over American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs therefore possess independent authority to determine the eligibility and selection criteria for students they wish to participate in their respective programs; and

WHEREAS, Samsung American Legion Scholarships are only available to participants of American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Committee on Youth Education to recommend rules and conditions under which Samsung American Legion scholarships are awarded, with subsequent concurrence by the Americanism Commission of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Youth Education seeks to clearly establish eligibility to apply for a Samsung American Legion Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, The Americanism and Finance Commissions each have provided their concurrence to this resolution and recommend it to the National Executive Committee for its favorable action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That sub-paragraph number 1 of the third Resolved clause of Resolution No. 28 of the National Executive Committee, May 2019, titled “Updated Rules and Conditions for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program” is amended to:

“1. The pool of ‘Samsung American Legion State Finalists’ will be comprised of one student from each American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program who are between their junior and senior years of high school and one student from The American Legion Department of Hawaii who is a young man between his junior and senior years of high school, until such time an American Legion Hawaii Boys State program may be established”