



PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2026

Have you ever thought - what exactly IS the Past Presidents Parley Committee? What do they do? Who are they? We get it - we aren't "out there" as much as some programs but we are mighty! Comprised of Past Department Presidents, we serve an internal purpose to encourage and mentor our members to seek and understand leadership roles, understand the organization's administrative processes, recognize and utilize the knowledge of past Unit, District, Division, and Department President's as mentors, and to honor the legacy of our past leaders who have paved the way for our success and service. **In doing so, you also motivate US!** Now I know you are asking - how do we do participate in this awesome program????

MENTORING - Our goal is to provide encouragement and motivation towards leadership at all levels. As a Unit, District, or Division, you can promote mentorship in a number of ways....

- How many Past Unit, District, Division, or Department President's do you have in your Unit, District, or Division? Create a Past President's Parley committee to share ideas on how to encourage leadership at that level and ways to motivate members to reach out for assistance or guidance.
- Ask a Past President to speak at your Unit, District, or Division meetings about leadership roles and responsibilities or any special topic the membership may be interested in learning more about. An FAQ session is a great way to engage your members while covering an array of topics and creating an environment of learning, sharing, and even a little fun.
- Ask a Past President to be a mentor to your new members.

**IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS TO DREAM MORE, LEARN MORE, DO MORE,
AND BECOME MORE - YOU ARE A LEADER - John Quincy Adams**

***Past President's Parley Committee also serves two other very worthwhile and rewarding opportunities - selecting a **Unit Member of the Year award** and providing **Medical Scholarships** to eligible Texas students.



UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Our Units have many amazing members who go above and beyond the call of duty -- why not recognize them by submitting a nomination for the **Unit Member of the Year Award**. Applications must be submitted by the Unit by **Memorial Day, May 26, 2026**. Criteria and guidelines are included in the attached application. One entry per Unit. Winner will be announced at the Department Convention and will be recognized at the annual

National Convention. Share your amazing members' stories and accomplishments with us! All entries will receive a special Certificate of Outstanding Service. Department winner will receive a personalized **Unit Member of the Year** pin.

MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Past President's Parley Committee proudly awards scholarships to students seeking a degree in a medical field including pharmacology, veterinary, dental, nursing, doctors, etc. Scholarships of \$1,000 are selected based on meeting the criteria below and amount of funds available. Your generosity in donating to this program will help encourage pursuit of medical professions and awareness of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Application and Requirements are attached, and available on the ALATexas website. Completed application with all required documentation must be received by the Past Presidents Parley Committee Chair **no later than Memorial Day, May 26, 2026.**

Think outside the box on ways to raise funds for this worthwhile program -- post your event pictures or share ideas on our Facebook page at **ALA Past President's Parley in Texas**



AWARDS.... Yeah, someone noticed what we are doing!!!!

Due date - Memorial Day, May 26, 2026

- Best Overall Narrative serving the Past President's Parley Program - Certificate and plaque
- Highest Unit Donation to Medical Scholarships - Certificate and plaque (all donors will receive certificate)
- Unit Member of the Year submission - each submission will receive a Certificate of Outstanding Service
- Medical Scholarship applications

Please reach out to us if you have questions or we can be of assistance -

Division 1: Shay Kuehner, Shay1956@sbcglobal.net , Chair

Division 3: Lynda Horton-Turk lynda@uwmail.com

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**UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2025-2026
NOMINATION FORM**

All Units are encouraged to recognize a member who has shown outstanding service to the ALA mission and organization by submitting a nomination for **Unit Member of the Year**. Nomination forms are due by Memorial Day, May 26, 2026. Winner to be announced at Department Convention.

CRITERIA:

- Nominee must be a Senior member in good standing (current dues paid). Years of membership are NOT a criteria.
- Nominee cannot have held a leadership role, appointed or elected, higher than the office of Unit President. This includes District, Division, and Department officers.
- Nominating Unit must submit a narrative of up to 1,000 words describing the nominee's accomplishments, outstanding service to others and the Unit, and activities both in and outside of the American Legion Family.
- This form must be signed by the Unit President and Unit Secretary (if the nominee holds either of these offices, a Past Unit President should sign in their stead).
- One entry per Unit.
- Nominations must be received by **MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 26, 2026**.

NOMINEE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

UNIT # _____ DISTRICT _____ DIVISION _____

UNIT NAME AND CITY _____

UNIT OFFICER VERIFICATION:

Printed Name & Title Signature

Printed Name & Title Signature

Mail or email completed form and narrative by May 26, 2026 to:

*Past President's Parley Chair, Shay Kuehner
9608 Westpark Drive, Benbrook 76126
Or by email to Shay1956@sbcglobal.net*

2025-2026 MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Selection of scholarship award recipients shall be based on meeting the outlined criteria, applicant's narrative and references, character, and educational goals.

- Applicant must be a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Neither veteran nor applicant are required to be a member of the American Legion Family.
- Applicant must be a high school graduate or current 2025-2026 Senior high school student (may be currently enrolled in college courses).
- Applicant must be a resident of Texas, applying to an Institute of Higher Learning in Texas with course of study in the fields of medicine including but not limited to medical doctor, nurse, pharmacology, veterinarian services, mental health, dental services, etc.
- Applicant must be enrolled in said Institute of Higher Learning no later than August 1, 2026. Payment is made directly to the school - if a student fails to attend, a refund will be requested from the school. Scholarships will not be awarded for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Applications must be received by the Past Presidents Parley Committee Chair **no later than Memorial Day, May 26, 2026** accompanied by the following documentation:
 - o Completed application signed by an American Legion Auxiliary Unit of the Dept of Texas
 - o Personal letter from applicant not to exceed 500 words stating qualifications, goals, pursuits, etc.
 - o Three (3) original personal and/or professional letters of recommendation written within ninety (90) days of submission (date must be included in letter).
 - o Copy of DD214 determining service of Veteran referenced in application.
 - o Copy of high school or college transcripts

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 26, 2026 TO:

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Final determinations shall be vested in the Past President's Parley Committee by thirty (30) days prior to the annual state convention. Checks will be mailed to the college or university the applicant will be attending no later than August 15, 2026. If the applicant decides against attending, all funds must be returned to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Applicant's Major: _____ Student Account # (if applicable) _____

Has applicant received a medical scholarship from the Past President's Parley in the past?
___ No ___ Yes If yes, what year? _____

Applicant Employment (if applicable - if not, enter "NA")

Occupation: _____ Monthly Income: _____

Application for Scholarship eligibility based on the Military Service of (circle one):

Father Mother Self Grandparent Great-Grandparent

Name of Veteran (if other than self) _____

Date of Birth _____ Living ___ Deceased ___ If deceased, date of death _____

Date entered Active Service: _____ Discharge Date: _____

Type of Separation or Discharge: _____

Date of Birth: _____ If Deceased, Date of Death: _____

Applicant Family / Marital Status

Is Applicant currently living at home with parent(s) or guardian(s)? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes.....

Name of Father: _____ Occupation & Monthly Income: _____

Name of Mother: _____ Occupation & Monthly Income: _____

Household Income (other than parent earnings): \$ _____

Applicant Marital Status ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___ Single

Name of Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Occupation & Monthly Income (if applicable) _____

If spouse is deceased, indicate date of death: _____

If spouse is a veteran, indicate dates of service: _____ through _____

Number of children in household/family: Under 18 years of age _____ Over 18 years _____
Number of dependents in home other than immediate family: _____
Number of children currently attending college or university other than applicant: _____

Applicant Education Date of High School Graduation _____ GPA (last 4 years) _____
Name and location of High School _____

Name and location (exact mailing address) of college or university applicant plans to attend or is currently attending _____

College grade average last grading term: _____

Describe additional sources of financial support that will be utilized for applicant's educational pursuit (grants, student aid, other scholarships, etc) _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

If awarded Scholarship from the ALA Past President's Parley, student must be enrolled no later than August 1, 2026. Scholarships will NOT be awarded for the 2027-2028 school year enrollment. If student is enrolled and decides not to attend the Fall Semester, the scholarship will be null and void, non-replaceable, and subject to refund if payment already submitted.

Please ensure that all required documentation is attached to this application and submit to an American Legion Auxiliary Unit in or near your community for Unit Sponsorship/authorized signature and submission to the Department of Texas. Applicants should not submit application directly to the Past President's Parley.

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UNIT SPONSORSHIP / SIGNATURES - to be completed by American Legion Auxiliary Unit President or Unit Scholarship Chair. Completed packet must be sent to the address below NO LATER THAN MAY 26, 2026.

Name of Unit: _____ Unit #: _____ District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Unit Recommendations/Comments: _____

Mail application packet to: Shay Kuehner, Past President's Parley Chair
9608 Westpark Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126 or by email to Shay1956@sbcglobal.net