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Mission Statement

To carry out the wishes of the Samsung Group at the time the scholarship endowment was given. Establish a set of eligibility rules for participants. Determine the number and value of scholarships to be awarded. Select the most qualified applicants. To investigate and discuss the possible expansion of the program. Establish guidelines for participation in an expanded program and work for the continued success of a generous benefactor’s gift.

Introduction

In Washington, DC on July 26, 1995, Mr. K.S. Park, Chairman, Samsung Engineering & Construction Co. and William M. Detweiler, National Commander, The American Legion held a news conference to announce a 5 million dollar scholarship endowment to be administered by The American Legion.

In announcing the scholarship endowment Mr. Park said, “Samsung appreciates the sacrifices of U.S. service men and women who helped maintain the security of the Korean peninsula during the Korean War.

“We (Samsung) wanted to demonstrate our appreciation. The best way to do this, we believe, is to offer educational opportunities to the children and grandchildren of the American veterans who served their country so honorably. The American Legion is the perfect organization for accomplishing this.

“Samsung values education. One of the most important contributions we can make is to support students in their pursuits of academic excellence. Helping future generations achieve their scholastic goals is a priority for us.

“We hope that this scholarship program will make a difference in the lives of American students. We also hope that Americans will accept our gesture as sincere gratitude for their support.

In thanking Samsung for the scholarship endowment William M. Detweiler, National Commander said, “The American Legion is very appreciative of the generous offer by the Samsung Group of five million dollars to endow a scholarship for children of veterans. As the nation’s largest veteran’s organization, we are honored that Samsung has chosen the American Legion to administer this program to further the education of the descendants of American men and women who have served this nation in time of war.

“We are fully aware of the significance of Samsung’s offer coming at this particular time. This is a special week for all of us, as the Korean War Veterans Memorial is officially dedicated on the Mall here in Washington.

“Americans who answered a call to duty in the earliest days of the Cold War, and served under the United Nations banner to enforce its mandate and preserve the security of the Korean Peninsula, are truly deserving of this long awaited and deserved recognition of their role in what has become known as The Forgotten War.’

“The proud and tenacious people of the Republic of Korea have not forgotten what took place 45 years ago…and they have not forgotten the close alliance the United States has maintained with the Republic of Korea ever since.

“I had the pleasure to make a personal visit to Korea only last December and I was very impressed with what I saw. The state of modern industrialization is awesome. To be associated with one of the leaders of that progress, the Samsung Group, is truly an honor.”

Mr. K.S. Park, Chairman, Samsung Engineering & Construction Co.
Program Overview

“The Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program” established a series of scholarships, as set forth below for undergraduate study at an accredited United States college or university. The recipients of these scholarships will be known as “Samsung American Legion Scholars”.

The principal amount of the Fund shall not be used for the scholarships. Instead, only the interest and other income of the Fund shall be used for these purposes.

Through its existing structures at the local, state and national levels, The American Legion accepted the responsibility for the selection of scholarship winners and administration of the endowment including development and implementation of a plan to publicize the scholarship program.

The American Legion invited Samsung to appoint a representative to serve as a member of the National Selection Committee, which will consist of members of The American Legion’s National Committee on Education, currently known as the Committee on Youth Education. The first Samsung American Legion Scholars were announced in September, 1996.


A committee consisting of representatives of The American Legion, Samsung, and The American Legion Auxiliary developed a plan for the selection process and eligibility criteria for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program.

The student must be a descendant of a U.S. veteran who served honorably during one or more of the wartime periods listed previous. Descendant is defined as, “direct lineage i.e. child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc., and legally adopted children.”

The student must attend an accredited U.S. college or university. The scholarship is for undergraduate study and may be used for: tuition, books, fees (normal and customary), and room and board (university housing or its equivalent).

In 2015, applications were distributed to eligible participants in The American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs.

Each American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program selects one applicant to represent that program and that applicant becomes one of 98 “state finalists” competing for the scholarships available. (The applicant pool may expand to 100 if Hawaii submits finalists. Provisions allow for young people from Hawaii to be given scholarship consideration despite a lack of Boys and Girls State programs.)

From this pool of 98—100 “state finalists” the National Selection Committee selects scholarship recipients (the exact dollar amount per year is determined from the income generated by the Fund). These scholarship recipients are known as “Samsung American Legion Scholars”.

“Education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself.”

John Dewey
During 2014, Resolution No. 1, NEC, Fall, 2014 became the governing resolution. It follows below for your reference.

**Program Rules and Conditions**  
Resolution No. 24, NEC, Fall, 2014

**REVISED RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, In 1995 The American Legion was honored to receive a $5 million scholarship endowment from Samsung Group as a gesture of appreciation for the sacrifices of U.S. service men and women who helped maintain security of the Korean peninsula during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Res. No. 1 of the National Executive Committee, September 3, 1995, titled “Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program” authorized The American Legion to create a scholarship program by the same name; and

WHEREAS, Res. No. 28 of the National Executive Committee, October 18-19, 2000, titled “Rules and Conditions for Administration of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program” established criteria for awarding the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program from an applicant pool of representatives from The American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs; and

WHEREAS, Res. No. 19, National Executive Committee, October 9-10, 2002, incorporated changes in eligibility criteria for students from Hawaii as recommended by the National Committee on Education with subsequent concurrence by the National Americanism Commission; and

WHEREAS, In 2013 The American Legion was pleased to honor its longstanding relationship with Samsung through presentation of its prestigious Patriot Award, followed by a visit to Samsung Global Headquarters in Seoul, Korea, by the National Commander; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion and Samsung Electronics located at the North America Headquarters in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, have reinvigorated discussions of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program to enhance the application process for benefit of the applicants, and publicly promote and elevate prominence of the Samsung American Legion Scholars; and

WHEREAS, Changes to the Rules and Conditions under which Samsung American Legion scholarships are awarded is recommended by the Committee on Youth Education with subsequent concurrence by the National Americanism Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 15-16, 2014, That effective in 2015 the Rules and Conditions under which Samsung American Legion Scholarships are awarded shall be:
1. As previously established, one representative from each American Legion Boys State program, one representative from each American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program and one high school junior boy and one high school junior girl from the Department of Hawaii will comprise the pool of “Samsung American Legion State Finalists”,

2. The pool of Samsung American Legion State Finalists will be divided into five (5) geographic regions:

- Western Region: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington
- Midwest Region: Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming
- Central Region: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin
- Southeast Region: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas
- Northeast Region: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

3. Two (2) “Samsung American Legion Scholars” will be selected by the Committee on Youth Education from each regional pool of State Finalists; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all other Rules and Conditions regarding eligibility and administration of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program shall remain unchanged:

1. Those eligible to apply for the scholarships shall be students who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans who served during one or more of the periods of war officially designated as such by the United States government:

   - World War I: April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918
   - World War II: December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
   - Lebanon and Grenada: August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
   - Panama: December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990
   - Gulf War/War on Terrorism: August 2, 1990 to cessation of hostilities as determined by the United States government,

2. Samsung American Legion Scholars will have six (6) years to utilize their scholarship funds from the date of graduation from high school, excluding any time spent on active military duty or church mission,

3. Samsung American Legion State Finalists will have two (2) years to utilize their scholarship funds from the date of graduation from high school, excluding any time spent on active military duty or church mission,

4. The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited U.S. college or university,
5. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled as a full-time student to request his/her scholarship funds,

6. The number and amount of the scholarship awards will be determined by the income derived from the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Trust,

7. The scholarship funds may only be used to defray necessary costs of the student’s education (i.e. tuition, room & board, books & supplies, fees and equipment required by the student’s particular course of study or school),

8. A student may request any amount up to and including his/her total scholarship award at one time,

9. The amount of the fund request cannot exceed the cost of education,

10. Students may make only one (1) request for funds per semester or quarter,

11. Scholarship checks will be issued upon receipt of a “Request for Funds” form,

12. A scholarship check will be issued in the normal and customary procedure of a two-party check made payable to the student and school,

13. Students who have not requested their award will receive one (1) written notice reminding them of their award and the time limits remaining to receive their award,

14. State finalists will receive their notice prior to their last year of eligibility,

15. Samsung American Legion Scholars will receive their notice with two years of eligibility remaining,

16. Unused scholarship funds will be returned to the scholarship trust fund for future awards; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all Rules and Conditions shall be included on each Samsung American Legion Scholarship application; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 19 of the National Executive Committee, October 9–10, 2002, titled “Rules and Conditions for Administration of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program” is hereby superseded and rescinded.
Program Awards

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**Total** $5,491,000

Total Awarded $5,491,000

Total Distributed $4,794,112

Total Obligation Remaining $701,888

* = 10 / $20,000 scholarships and
88 / $852 scholarships

Rebecca Selzer, MSCS

A 2005 recipient, Becky developed a deep love of cryptology and mathematics at an early age—interning as a gifted and talented student at the Department of Defense. She has a BS in Physics from the University of Maryland and a MS in Computer Science from The Johns Hopkins University. Currently, she is a Senior Cyber Security Analyst for United Airlines. She volunteers as a STEM mentor at the Adler Planetarium.

Administration Expenses

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**Total** $3,320

Overall administration expenses increased by approximately $200 from 2014 due to postage, shipping and printing costs.
In 2013, Samsung and The American Legion created a national recognition event in Washington D.C. for the top nine Samsung American Legion Scholars selected the previous Fall. The first event took place over one night and a day with an official ceremony held at the National Press Club. In 2014, the event expanded to three days. During this time, these young scholars received the opportunity to learn much more about The American Legion, Samsung Electronics and their nation’s capital. The culminating event was a recognition luncheon on Capitol Hill with members of their state’s Congressional delegation. This event will continue annually thanks to an expanded alliance between Samsung and The American Legion. A breakdown of the costs, shared by the organizations, is outlined below.

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## Girls State—Scholarship Distribution by American Legion Auxiliary Department (State)
### Historical Winners Prior to Regional Selections Implemented in 2015

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History of Department and Program $20K Winners

Overall $20,000 Winners from Boys/Girls State Programs

- Boys State: 55%, 103 winners
- Girls State: 45%, 84 winners
Historic $20K Winners by Department & Program
Each of the following students is the recipient of a $20,000 scholarship for the 2015 selection year! They were nominated from their respective departments and each pair of regional winners was selected from among twenty potential winners from that region. The Americanism Commission through its Committee on Youth Education made these selections with the greatest care as all applications represent many of the best and brightest of America’s youth.

Breakdown of Applications by Program 2015

- Girls State: 2,725 (50%)
- Boys State: 2,691 (50%)

Total Applications: 5,416
Meghan Slattery

**Hometown:** Bayport, NY  
**GPA:** 4.0  
**Class Rank:** 1st  

**Academics / Activities:**  
♦ State record in 50m Freestyle swimming with All-League/All-State honors  
♦ USA Swimming Scholastic All-American  
♦ Executive President St. Anthony’s Leadership Team  
♦ Pax et Bonum/Spanish/Mu Alpha Theta/and National Honor societies  
♦ Chorus section leader  

**Community Service:**  
♦ Started Halloween-based Cans Not Candy food drive  
♦ Volunteers as a math tutor  
♦ Participates as a “buddy” for children with special needs at the Friars Golden Kids Carnival  

**Future Goal:**  
♦ A career in which she can serve others through a mix of compassion and business  

Meghan’s grandfather is a Korean War veteran.

Devon Kurtz

**Hometown:** Westfield, MA  
**GPA:** 3.99  
**Class Rank:** 2nd  

**Academics / Activities:**  
♦ International representative to Berlin Kiwanis  
♦ Robert F. Lucas and Governor’s awards along with being the district convention chairman at District Level Kiwanis  
♦ Exchange student to Germany  
♦ Delta Epsilon Phi and National Honor societies  
♦ Captain of Indoor, Outdoor, and Cross Country track teams  

**Community Service:**  
♦ Over 1,000 hours of community service in 3 years of high school  
♦ Key Club International and Ronald McDonald House Charities volunteer  

**Future Goal:**  
♦ Public Policy: specializing in agriculture science  

Devon’s grandfather is a Korean War veteran.
Nicholas Van Slooten

**Hometown:** Bentonville, AR  
**GPA:** 4.3  
**Class Rank:** 4th  
**Academics / Activities:**  
- First chair violinist in north AR  
- All Regional and All State Orchestra  
- First place awards at Five-State Rotary and Bailey & Oliver Law speech competitions  
- National Qualifier in Business Law/Ethics and Business Presentation at DECA state competition  
- Mu Alpha Theta and Chinese Club  

**Community Service:**  
- BSA Senior Patrol Leader and Eagle Scout  
- LDS Youth Group Teacher’s Quorum President  
- Crystal Bridges Museum Teen Council  
- Plays violin for the elderly and very young  

**Future Goal:**  
- MBA with a focus in beginning his own investment firm  
- Founding a charity to aid in breaking the cycle of poverty in this country  

Nicholas’ grandfather is a Korean War veteran.

Curtis Colby Leonard

**Hometown:** Surfside Beach, SC  
**GPA:** 4.9  
**Class Rank:** 3rd  
**Academics / Activities:**  
- Student Body President  
- Debate Club President  
- Literature Club Vice President  
- Poetry Out Loud coordinator  
- Ultimate Frisbee, cross country, and track team member  
- Assisted/coordinated school fund-raiser for endowment of a childhood literacy scholarship  

**Community Service:**  
- Hugh O’Brian Youth SC Alumni Team  
- Tidelands Health Center Jr. Volunteer: Therapy Kitchen, Volunteer Activity Director, Therapy Gym  
- Relay for Life  
- Red Cross Blood Donation  
- Myrtle Beach Marathon volunteer  

**Future Goal:**  
- Princeton University: Molecular Biology  
- Top-tier medical school with a neurosurgery residency  

Curtis’ grandfather is a World War II, Korean, and Vietnam War veteran.
**Michael McFarland**

**Hometown:** Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
**GPA:** 3.9  
**Class Rank:** Top 1%  

**Academics / Activities:**
- Multiple 1st place and prestigious awards for science research
- President: National Science Bowl and National Oceanic Sciences Bowl
- Founder of Reach Out and Read
- Student Body Historian
- Mu Alpha Theta

**Community Service:**
- CA Board of Education: Student Member
- CA PTA: Student Representative
- Natl Assoc of Suicidology Natl Advisory Board Member
- River Church Youth Group
- A World at School: Global Youth Ambassador

**Future Goal:** Law, Political Policy

Michael’s grandfather is a Korean War veteran.

**Kaden Shawn McArthur**

**Hometown:** Wellsville, UT  
**GPA:** 4.0  
**Class Rank:** 1st

**Academics / Activities:**
- Associate’s Degree from Utah State University, FFA: Vice President, Greenhand and Chapter Degrees
- Model United Nations: State Superior Delegation Economics/Finance
- FBLA and National Honor Society
- 4-H state shooting sports 1st place champion

**Community Service:**
- BSA: Life Scout and Senior Patriot Leader
- Walk to Cure Diabetes Team Leader
- Volunteer Instructor at Defiance Martial Arts

**Future Goal:**
- Utah State University: Applied Agricultural Economics and pre-law, Political Science
- J.D. from Utah State University

Kaden’s grandfather is a Korean War veteran.
Grant Moles

**Hometown:** Cook, NE

**GPA:** 4.0  **Class Rank:** 1st

**Academics / Activities:**
- Multiple top finishes in the Regional and State Academic Decathlons
- FBLA: Peru contest with multiple top finishes / University of Nebraska, Lincoln: State contest with multiple top finishes
- Band, All-state choir, cross country, track
- One Act Play Production: multiple roles

**Community Service:**
- Church council member
- National 4-H volunteerism
- Community Service Gold Medal (x3)

**Future Goal:**
- University of Nebraska: mathematics and engineering

Grant’s grandfather is a Korean and Vietnam War veteran.

Isaac Logeman

**Hometown:** Saint Cloud, MN

**GPA:** 4.2  **Class Rank:** 1st

**Academics / Activities:**
- Superior rating at orchestra, choir, solo, ensemble (x8)
- Top three finisher at Calculus Showcase at St. Cloud State University
- Selected to participate in Midwest premier of “The Peacemakers”
- AP Scholar
- Football, soccer, cross country skiing, track and field team member

**Community Service:**
- Church youth group leader
- Church projection team
- “Wired” worship band member
- Youth Service Task Force member
- Central Minnesota Youth Soccer Association summer volunteer

**Future Goal:**
- Harvard University or Luther College: mathematics

Isaac's grandfather is a Korean War veteran.
Calvin Isch

**Hometown:** Bluffton, IN  
**GPA:** 4.3  
**Class Rank:** 1st  

**Academics / Activities:**
- Rotary Scholar (x3)
- 2nd Team All-Conference Cross Country
- 1st Team All-Conference Track
- Business Professionals of America: State Champion Fundamental Spreadsheets
- National Honor Society

**Community Service:**
- Campus Life Corps Team Member
- Student Leaders Leader Technical Director for The Bridge Community Church

**Future Goal:**
- Top-tier university for Business and Computer Science

Calvin’s grandfather is a Korean War veteran.

Katherine Mossburg

**Hometown:** Bridgeport, WV  
**GPA:** 4.2  
**Class Rank:** 1st  

**Academics / Activities:**
- Danceline: 5-Star Grand Champions Jazz
- Multiple 1st and 2nd place finishes in other areas
- Student Council Secretary, French Club Publicist, Journalism staff
- Morgantown Ballet: Senior Company member
- Morgantown Dance Studio: student teacher, multiple leads

**Community Service:**
- Relay for Life
- Operation Christmas Child
- Easter Bags Program
- Clarksburg Mission
- Fundraiser for Prince and Princess Party, Magic and Mistletoe, Magical Night of Giving

**Future Goal:**
- Biomedical Engineering undergraduate degree
- MD specializing in general surgery

Katherine’s grandfather is a Korean War veteran.
Thank you so much! I am still in shock over the news—I cannot believe it! My family and I are extremely grateful for the Legion’s continued generosity.

Sincerely,

Michael McFarland

Comments from previous scholarship recipients

American Legion, Thank you so much for selecting me as a national finalist. I am so grateful to receive this scholarship. I will be studying biomedical science and journalism at Texas A&M University this fall, and I’ve been granted early admission into Texas A&M College of Medicine for medical school. Thank you so much for your willingness to help another generation of students achieve their dreams. I hope I will make you proud.

Sarah Elmer (2014)($1,100)

Dear American Legion, Last fall, I had the distinct honor of receiving one of the most exciting emails of my life—the one telling me I was a Samsung American Legion Scholar! This scholarship means so much to me not just for financial reasons, but it shows that others believe in me. I will not take that lightly. I will always strive to uphold and practice the values that the American Legion teaches. I was also honored to have been flown to Washington D.C. for the first time. It was an experience I will never forget. Thank you for everything!

Thank you,

Delaney Tevis (2014)
As I get ready to graduate from high school, I would again like to send my appreciation for the Samsung Scholarship. Thank you. It will definitely help with my college expenses. Thank you for your service and the services you provide to our communities.

Sincerely,

Joseph Flory (2014)($1,100)

I would like to thank you for all the work that you did organizing and planning the Samsung American Legion Scholar Luncheon and trip. I also thank you for all the time you spent in Washington D.C. to give all of us scholars the experience. Being able to have the experience of going to D.C. and meeting the other scholars, senators and representatives, the Samsung Representatives, those from the American Legion that make this scholarship possible, and also to see so much of our nation’s capital is priceless. I am so thankful for the experience. I hope that future winners will also get the experience. As I write this, I am at MN Boys State as a counselor, which is another great experience I am having through the American Legion. Additionally, I want to thank you for your military service and your current service to our veterans. Thank you, once again, for everything.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mullen (2014)
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