



PALMETTO GIRLS STATE, INC.
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Dear Girls State Delegate:

Samsung, a worldwide leader in electronics, endowed a scholarship fund to provide scholarships to descendants of U.S. wartime veterans. 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.

Samsung has asked The American Legion to administer this scholarship program. Palmetto Girls State is working with The American Legion National Headquarters to provide Samsung American Legion Scholarship Applications to those individuals participating in Palmetto Girls State. Eligibility for these scholarships is limited to high school juniors who participate in and complete either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program and who are direct descendants of a U.S. veteran who served during a period of war. (For purposes of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, direct descendant is defined as direct lineage, i.e. child, grandchild, or great-grandchild, etc. or legally adopted children. Step-children are not eligible.) The scholarship may be used for undergraduate study only at an accredited U.S. college or university. In 2007, ten (10) \$20,000 scholarships and (88) eighty-eight \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

Only participants in Girls State and Boys State programs who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans are eligible to compete for these scholarships. Of the applications submitted at Palmetto Girls State, one (1) application will be selected to compete on the national level for one of the scholarships to be awarded.

If you are eligible to apply for one of these scholarships, complete the application, attach the required veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty, and submit the completed application with documentation of the veteran's service upon registration at Palmetto Girls State on June 7, 2009. If you need assistance in obtaining a copy of the veteran's DD-214, you should contact your local Veterans Service Officer (a Veterans Service Officer is located in each county in South Carolina), or you may contact the South Carolina Department Service Officer, c/o The American Legion, Department of South Carolina, P.O. Box 3309, Irmo, SC 29063 or (803) 612-1171. Begin work on locating these documents immediately as it may take some time to receive the required documentation.

For applications to be considered, completed applications with all required documents, signatures, and information must be submitted at registration at Palmetto Girls State on Sunday, June 7, 2009. (Please note that this deadline will be strictly enforced.) Applications must be typed. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE APPLICATION. If you are interested in applying for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, begin work on the application at once. The required documentation, signatures, and certifications may take some time to acquire.

If you would like to access the application on the Internet, the application is available on the Palmetto Girls State website at www.palmettogirlsstate.org. In addition, the application file may be found at the website of The American Legion at www.legion.org. After accessing The American Legion's website, follow the following links: "Legion Programs" → "Youth Programs" → "Scholarships" then scroll down to Samsung American Legion Scholarship. The application is available in a PDF file in Adobe Acrobat at the link of "Download Application Here."

Good luck.