

Eligibility Requirements

Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

- (1) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and
- (2) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;
- (3) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and
- (4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.*

* A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary regardless of whether or not she is a member of The American Legion. However, eligibility of her female relatives (sister, mother, direct descendants) and/or spouse depends upon her membership in [The American Legion](#).

Proof of Eligibility

Departments (states) may ask for proof of eligibility.

Note: If the person who provides your eligibility is living, they must be a member of The American Legion, eligibility documentation is likely not necessary, however you do need to provide his or her American Legion member ID number and Post information on your application.

If the person who provides your eligibility is deceased, acceptable eligibility documents include:

- a. DD-214 Discharge Papers (not issued until after Korean War)
- b. Official Military Orders
- c. Official Military Service Citations/Awards
- d. Letters related to the veteran's military service. Must be on official government letterhead.
- e. Certificate from the VA records center in St. Louis, MO
- f. Data from the back of older discharges

*DD-214 Discharge Papers can be requested online by visiting WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV