

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND – MARVA KASL

Mission Statement: To raise funds for and awareness of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, to promote knowledge about the program, to disseminate information to the member about the application process, and to assist the needy in that process.

Three goals of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) are to 1. Educate members on the benefits and services of the AEF. 2. Increase the level of funding for the AEF. 3. Assist eligible members suffering a financial crisis, weather-related catastrophes, or life changes requiring training to re-enter the workforce to obtain financial support through the AEF.

One of the most common delays in processing the applications is forms that are not completed to the fullest extent possible. Please use the current form and follow directions to ensure evaluation and processing is completed in a timely fashion.

Some of the core rules for the AEF:

- A. Temporary assistance to eligible members during a time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food and utilities.
- B. Temporary assistance for food and shelter to eligible member related to weather-related emergencies and natural disasters.
- C. Temporary assistance for educational training for eligible members who lack the necessary skills for employment or to upgrade competitive workforce skills.
- D. Assistance will not be granted to pay accumulated debts. The intent is to help members who have suffered a financial setback and is meant to be a bridge offering a helping hand until financial stability is reestablished. Incomplete applications and missing documentation will significantly slow processing the case file.
- E. Eligibility: Persons who have been members of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two consecutive years and whose current membership dues are paid at the time the emergency occurs (three consecutive years' dues) may apply for assistance.
- F. Assistance Provided: The maximum grant amount is \$2,400, disbursed as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Grant Committee determines.

AEF Awards:

1. Citation Recognition: Given to one Unit and one Department contributing the largest donations to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.
2. Citation and Lapel Pin Recognition: Presented to any individual contributor donating \$50 or more. The citation form is available at www.ALAFORVeterans.org. Citations may be printed by the Unit or Department.
3. Certificate and Recognition at National Convention: One individual member of each Division contributing the largest amount will receive a certificate and special recognition at National Convention. Donations must be certified by your Department Secretary and mailed to the respective Divisional Chairman by June 1st.

CITATION POINTS - 5 points assigned

5 pts... Unit or individual contributions of \$25 or more to AEF