## Department of Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship

#### 2025-2026 Guidelines and Instructions



## **About Lillian Campbell**

Lillian Campbell was a trailblazer in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFWA). As the first National President to visit Puerto Rico, she launched the "Opportunity for Friendship" initiative, encouraging Auxiliaries to extend American hospitality to foreign visitors. During her service alongside Commander Joseph Lombardo, she led efforts to support earthquake victims in Alaska.

A proud member of Auxiliary 7990 in Neenah, Wisconsin, Lillian organized several events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the national organization. Elected VFWA National President for the 1963–1964 term, Lillian left a lasting impact. Though she passed away at age 98 on May 26, 1996, in Appleton, Wisconsin, her legacy lives on through the scholarship established in her name.

## **Scholarship Overview**

The Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship (LCMS) honors Lillian's commitment to service and education. Through generous donations, we offer three (3) \$2,000 scholarships to students currently enrolled in a medical field. Additionally, two (2) \$750 scholarships will be awarded to an applicant enrolled in the Paramedic program.

#### Eligible fields include, but are not limited to:

- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Physician Assistant,
- Medical and Surgical Technology
- Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Dental, Radiology
- Veterinary Sciences and other healthcare-related professions.

# **Application Requirements** (application and resources can be found at <a href="https://www.vfwauxwi.org">www.vfwauxwi.org</a> under Programs/Lillian Campbell

To be considered for the Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

## 1. Military Connection

The applicant or a member of their immediate family (parent, sibling, child, spouse, or grandparent) must have served in the military. Proof of service is required.

#### 2. Academic Enrollment

Must be currently enrolled in a college or technical school medical program, having completed at least one year by the time of application. Proof of **enrollment for at least 6 credits** for the 2026–2027 academic year is required if awarded.

### 3. Transcript

Submit the most recent official transcript showing your cumulative GPA.

#### 4. Financial Need

Provide one of the following:

- FAFSA loan summary
  - o First page of current tax return (black out Social Security numbers)
  - o Other relevant financial aid documentation

## 5. Personal Essay

Submit an essay titled "Why I Chose the Medical Profession" (max 200 words). Place your essay in a plastic cover with your name on the cover only.

## 6. Letters of Recommendation

Include **three** (3) letters from individuals qualified to comment on your academic performance and character (e.g., teachers, counselors, clergy, employers).

## 7. For Paramedics only, proof of enrollment in the program is required

#### 8. Deadline & Announcement

Winners will be announced at the **Department of Wisconsin VFWA Convention in June 2026**.

## 9. Complete Application

All required materials, including the signed and dated application, must be submitted. Incomplete applications will be **automatically disqualified**.

#### 10. One-Time Award

Applicants may receive the scholarship only once.

## 11. Final Decision

All decisions made by the scholarship committee are **final**.

## \*NOTE: SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE ATTENDING SCHOOL OF THE RECIPIENT.

**Important:** Make copies of all application materials. Submissions will not be returned.

## **Submission Information**

## Mail completed applications with all supporting documents by April 1, 2026, to:

Kimberly Goss Department Chairman/Lillian Campbell W1334 Serum Rd Alma, WI 54610

Questions? Call or text **715-946-3285** and leave a brief message with your name and number, or email **kimberly.gossdistrict9aux.wi@gmail.com** 

## Support the Scholarship

Help us expand the impact of the Lillian Campbell Medical Scholarship. Your donations allow us to assist more students pursuing careers in the medical field.

## Mail donations (earmarked LCMS) to:

Lenore Otto Dept. WI Treasurer 1383 W. Wisconsin Avenue Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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