

American Legion Auxiliary Membership Eligibility

Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to:

1. The grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, direct and adopted female descendants of members of
 - a. The American Legion
 - b. Those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the allowable eligibility periods determined by congress, and who died in the line of duty during such service or after receiving an Honorable Discharge.
2. Women who are eligible for membership in The American Legion in their own right.
3. The spouses of an eligible female veteran.

Direct descendants refers to: daughters and granddaughters. **Effective October 17, 2019 - Great grand-daughters, and other direct descendants are no longer eligible to join the ALA. Nieces and cousins are not eligible relations.**

Under the laws in the state of Wisconsin step-relatives and female spouses are eligible to become members through a qualifying veteran.

ADDITIONALLY

If a request for American Legion Auxiliary membership is based on a family member joining under a **living veteran, the veteran must be a current member of The American Legion.** They do not have to belong to the corresponding Post BUT **they must be a current member of The American Legion somewhere.**

If a request for Auxiliary membership is based on a **deceased veteran** who was not a member of The American Legion, the prospective member will be required to provide verifying documentation that proves her eligibility. **(A deceased veteran does not ever have had to belong to The American Legion.)**

A woman veteran may join the American Legion Auxiliary without being a member of The American Legion if her dates of service fall within at least one of the eligible service categories, as described on the ALA membership applications. If, however, **her family members wish to join the Auxiliary through her service, she must first become a member of The American Legion.** The Legion will verify the woman veteran's eligibility.

Membership Eligibility Dates

Conflict	Eligibility Dates
World War I	April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918
World War II	December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
Korea	June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955
Vietnam	February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Lebanon & Granada	August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Panama	December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990
Gulf War	August 2, 1990 - February 2, 1991
Global War on Terror	September 11, 2001 - Present Day
Other Conflicts	Any gaps after December 7, 1941