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Roosevelt-Aurora American Legion Post 84 to Provide Grants to Veteran Students During the Budget Impasse.

AURORA: The Roosevelt-Aurora American Legion Post 84 is stepping up to help veteran students during the budget impasse.

“Veteran students are at risk of not being able to complete their schooling because of the budget impasse of the State of Illinois,” stated Commander Eckburg, “the members of Roosevelt Aurora Post 84 will help fund MAP grants that students were supposed to have received from the State of Illinois.”

Roosevelt-Aurora Post 84 designated a total funding amount of \$2,500 to be awarded to as many veteran students as possible who have had their MAP grant suspended or not funded due to the budget impasse in the form of grants. This money will be distributed based on the number of requests received and the dollar amount requested per grant.

“We are a small post, and we want to do our part to help the younger veterans continue their education and remain in school”, said Eckburg. “Roosevelt-Aurora Legion Post is here to help all our veterans, regardless if they are members or not. We are brothers and sisters in arms, and sometimes our younger veterans are overlooked. We are there for them.”

Interested applicants should submit a letter of request, grant application which is found online, copy of the veteran’s DD214, official college letter of suspension of their MAP grant including the amount of the MAP grant award, proof of enrollment in an institute of higher education, and must provide proof of permanent residence within the boundaries of Aurora and Aurora Township. Students will be notified of grant amounts they receive and the funding will be dispersed directly to the college at which the student attends on their behalf.

Requests for assistance will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis until the total amount of \$2,500 is exhausted.

The Roosevelt-Aurora American Legion Post 84 was founded in 1919, and is one of the oldest posts in the State of Illinois. Their name is in memory of Quentin Roosevelt, the youngest son of President Theodore Roosevelt, who was killed in WWI in aerial combat over France on Bastille Day (July 14, 1918). They have a membership of over 300 members and currently meet on the second Friday of every month at 8:00am at Colonial Café, 1961 West Galena Blvd in Aurora.

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