

Big Dipper History & Purpose

The Big Dipper is a national auxiliary of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (BSMA) that came into being in Milwaukee, Wisconsin November 7 at the 1951 National Convention. **The objectives of the organization are threefold: 1) honoring outstanding members of the BSMA, 2) sponsoring a “Fun Night” at conventions and 3) providing educational assistance to a worthy son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of BSMA or Veteran, a Veteran, or active duty personnel or BSMA.**

The emblem is a flat bottom dipper with a long handle, used on all stationery and worn as a guard pin, attached to the pin of the parent organization.

Pins are \$10 and may be ordered from Big Dipper National Financial Secretary.



Be a Part of Big Dipper

- Must be a member of Blue Star Mothers of America, INC. (BSMA) in good standing.
- Membership dues (\$5.00) shall be paid using the official forms found on and printed from www.bluestarmother.org then submitted through local BSMA Chapter's Financial Secretary.
- Annual Dues of \$5 are payable September 1st of each year.

Membership applications, dues and remittance forms, shall be supplied (upon request) by the Big Dipper National Secretary.

Educational Assistance

Education is the key to success. The members of the Big Dipper will award educational assistance annually to a worthy son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a BSMA or Veteran, a Veteran, active duty service member, or BSMA.

The money will be deposited to their credit at the school of their choice. If the school declines to handle the money, it is to be sent directly to recipient of the award.



Educational Assistance applications must be returned to the Big Dipper National President or Department Big Dipper President **no later than 30 days prior to convention** to be eligible for consideration by the Educational Assistance Committee (EAC).

The EAC will be appointed by the Big Dipper President as soon as possible following the annual Convention.