

Education
Program Action Plan
2019-2020
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The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotions and support of education beyond high school, with a special emphasis on children of veterans and servicemembers.

What Can We Do as a member?

1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools
2. Locate a veteran willing to share his/her experience with school children.
3. Attend a post meeting or ask around the clubroom for a volunteer
4. Contact your local schoolteachers or principals to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in Community Schools event.
5. Volunteer to provide transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in community schools.
6. Wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit schools.
7. Collaborate with your local American Legion post to present Veterans in Community Schools within your local schools.
8. Promote your Veterans in Community Schools event through local media and on your own social media accounts.
9. Participate in National Education Week.



The American Legion Auxiliary has several Scholarships that can be applied for. Get in contact with the person at your local high school who handles scholarship opportunities. It will most likely be the guidance counselor. Please make copies of these scholarships and send them to your schools.

- Hoosier Academic Gift
- Academic Gift for Junior Members
- Past Presidents Academic Gift
- Firkins Veterans' Children Academic Gift
- Children of Warriors National President's Academic Gift
- Spirit of Youth Academic Gift
- American Legion Auxiliary Academic Gift for Non-Traditional Students

National Awards

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do and why we matter. Just two simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

When submitting for a National Award you will need to include the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet.

- A. Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Education Program (per division)
- Deadline: June 1, 2020
 - Send to your National Division Chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 pm EST on the deadline listed above.

National Scholarships

NOTE: Scholarship applications are available for download on the national website www.ALAforVet4erans.org/scholarships.

A. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

- Scholarship applications should be sent to your local ALA unit
- Deadline: March 1, 2020

B. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

- Scholarship applications should be sent to your local ALA unit
- Deadline: March 1, 2020

C. Spirit of Youth Scholarship

- Scholarship applications should be sent to your local ALA unit
- Deadline: March 1, 2020

D. Junior Auxiliary Loyalty Scholarship

- Scholarship applications should be sent to your local ALA unit

- Deadline: March 1, 2020

- Two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division, for a total of ten scholarships

• Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2017, 2018 and 2019) and must be a paid member for the current (2020) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period. Applicant must have completed at least one semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree and have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 base

• This scholarship is intended for the traditional student with no interruption in her education, who is at least in her first semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree. Any member who is non-traditional student (a student who returning to the classroom after some time away from college) is welcome to apply for the American Legion Auxiliary Non-Traditional Scholarship.

National Education Reporting

Mid-Year Reports Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each department Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report by January 5, 2020 to the division Education chairman, plus copy the national Education chairman.

Year-End Reports Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each department Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report by May 15, 2020 to the division Education chairman, plus copy the national Education chairman. Members and

units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.

Department Reports

Unit Mid-Year Narrative Reports are due to District Chairman December 1, 2019

District Mid-Year Narrative Reports are due to Department Chairman December 15, 2019

Unit Year-End Reports are due to District Chairman April 15, 2020

District Year-End Reports are due to Department Chairman April 27, 2020.

Personal Awards

1. To the Unit submitting the best overall year-round narrative report
2. To the Unit presenting the largest number of scholarships

Special 100th Anniversary History Program Facts

The American Legion and the Auxiliary have been advocates of Education through the years. Kicking off at its inception in 1919, The American Legion met with representatives of the National Education Association to discuss the state of Education in our country and to create awareness of the problems of illiteracy.

The first American Education week was introduced in December of 1921, with The American Legion and the NEA as cosponsors. The week before Thanksgiving has been designated as American Education Week and Auxiliary Members still support this important week.

Additional Resources:

www.aladepin.org

www.alaforveterans.org/education

ALA Department Unit Guide

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