



# Education

## Programs Action Plan

2021-2022

**Shirley Brinson (Chairperson)**



The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

- 1. Enhance the respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools.**
  - A. Locate a Veteran willing to share his/her experience with school children. Attend a post meeting or ask around the classroom for a volunteer.
  - B. Contact your local school administration to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in Community Schools event
  - C. Always wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit schools.

Promote your Veterans in Community School events through local media and on your own Social Accounts.

- 2. Promote American Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders) Scholarships and award local scholarships at the Department, District and Unit levels.**
  - A. Get in contact with the person at your local high school who handles scholarship opportunities. It will most likely be the guidance counselor. Volunteer to provide information about National, Department, District, and Unit American Legion Auxiliary scholarships.

- B. Make copies of scholarships and provide them to schools that request them.
- C. Volunteer to serve on the scholarship selection committee.
- D. Assign a member to communicate with schools regarding scholarship applications.
- E. Create a Unit Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to local students.
- F. Prepare a news release with scholarship information for local media.
- G. Honor the recipients of the ALA scholarships at a school Honor Day Program.
- H. Keep track of the total number of applications received for any National Scholarship and pass that information on to your Department Education Chairperson.

**3. Support and participate in “Give 10 to Education”, American Education Week (Nov. 15- Nov. 19, 2021), and Teacher Appreciation Day. (May 3, 2022)**

- A. Promote the “Give to Education” program by purchasing items to distribute to schools in the community.
  - a. Place a poster with a collection box at local sites (i.e. grocery stores, banks, senior centers or post offices), and invite residents to donate.

**4. Assist and Support Veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.**

- A. Contact a campus student Veterans group at colleges and universities in your community to volunteer. The V A Counselor at the college can assist you in locating the Veterans groups.
- B. Sign up to receive the American Legion’s Legislative Action Alerts and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.
- C. Provide events through local media and your own social media accounts.

**5. Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.**

- A. Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children:  
[www.tutor.com/military](http://www.tutor.com/military)

- B. Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National President's scholarship.

## **Education Reporting**

### Annual Reports-Submit a Narrative

1. Unit reports are due to District chairperson by April 15, 2022.
2. District reports due to Department chairperson by April 27,2022.
3. Department reports due to National by June 1, 2022.

Please include answers to the following questions as you prepare your Narrative Report.

1. Did your unit donate to Department scholarships? Give dollar amount.
2. Did your unit Participate in "Give to Education"?
3. Did your unit participate in National Education Week? Explain how.
4. Did your unit participate in Veteran in the classroom program?
5. How many scholarships awarded in your unit? What was total dollar amount?
6. Will your unit participate in Teacher Appreciation Day on May 3, 2020?

### **Department Academic Gifts and Scholarships**

1. ALA Department of Indiana Academic Gift for juniors
2. Hoosier Academic Gift
3. ALA Firkins Veteran's Children Academic Gift
4. Past Presidents Academic Gift

Scholarships should be sent to local ALA unit by March 1, 2022.

### **National Scholarships**

1. Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship
2. Non-Traditional Student Scholarship
3. Spirit of Youth Scholarship
4. Junior Auxiliary Loyalty Scholarship

\*\*\*\* All the above Scholarship Applications will be found on our website at:

[www.aladeptin.org](http://www.aladeptin.org) for Department scholarships and for National scholarships on website [www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships) .

Scholarship applications should be received by the Unit March 1,2022 and Unit sends their winner to Department to be received no later than March 15, 2022.

### **National Awards**

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Education Program (Per Division)

1. Deadline June 1
2. Department entries must be sent by Department Chairperson to the National Divisional Chairperson postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.

### **Personal Awards**

1. To the Unit submitting the best overall year-round narrative report.
2. To the Unit presenting the largest number of scholarships.
3. Certificates to Units participating in "Give to Education".
4. Certificates to Units participating in National Education Week.

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## American Legion Auxiliary Give 10 to Education Suggested Donation Items and Tracking Sheet

| Suggested Item                | Quantity | Monetary Value |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Books                         |          |                |
| Backpack/Book bag             |          |                |
| Loose Paper                   |          |                |
| Notebooks                     |          |                |
| Folders                       |          |                |
| 3-Ring Binders                |          |                |
| Pencils                       |          |                |
| Pens                          |          |                |
| Erasers                       |          |                |
| Highlighters                  |          |                |
| Crayons                       |          |                |
| Colored Pencils               |          |                |
| Markers                       |          |                |
| Pencil Box/Pencil Case        |          |                |
| Scissors                      |          |                |
| Glue/Glue Sticks              |          |                |
| Ruler                         |          |                |
| Calculator                    |          |                |
| Craft Supplies                |          |                |
| Kleenex/Paper Towels          |          |                |
| Hand Sanitizer                |          |                |
| Disinfecting Wipes/Baby Wipes |          |                |
| Mentoring/Reading             |          |                |
| Donation to School            |          |                |
| Donation to Library           |          |                |
| Donation to Scholarship       |          |                |
| Clothing                      |          |                |
| Patriotic Item                |          |                |
| Sports Equipment/Games        |          |                |
| Box Tops 4 Education          |          |                |
|                               |          |                |
| <b>Totals:</b>                |          |                |





**American Legion Auxiliary  
National Education Report and Award Cover Sheet**

Please note, your report will also be viewed as an award entry if this cover sheet is attached.  
**Complete the following if you are applying for a member award.**

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Full official unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of state where you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ALA member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Member (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

National committee sponsoring award: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the award you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For a unit award or to submit a year-end unit narrative report, please complete this section.**  
Be sure to give the complete name of your unit. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Full official unit name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of department: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit president/chairman (**circle one**) name: \_\_\_\_\_

Above listed person's ALA member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For a department award or to submit a year-end department narrative report, please complete this section:**

Name of department: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of department chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ALA member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please see instructions on previous page about where to send this form.**

