

Education

Program Action Plan 2018-2019

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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 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.

- Locate a Veteran willing to share his/her experience with school children. Attend a post meeting or ask around the classroom for a volunteer.
- Contact your local school administration to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in Community School events.
- Volunteer to host the Veteran speaking in community schools.
- 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.

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

3. Support and participate in "Give 10 to Education", American Education Week (Nov. 12-16, 2018) and Teacher Appreciation Day. (May 7, 2019)

- Promote the "Give 10 to Education" program by purchasing items to distribute to schools in the community.
 - Place a poster with a collection box at local sites (i.e. grocery stores, banks, senior centers, post office), and invite residents to donate.
 - Save Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education and send them to local schools that participate in these programs.

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

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

5. Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

- Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children: www.tutor.com/military
- Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National President's scholarship

Education Reporting

Mid-Year Reports-Submit a Narrative

- Unit Education reports are due to District Education Chairman by December 1, 2018.
- District Education reports are due to Department Education Chairman by December 15, 2018.

Year –end Reports: Submit a Narrative

- Unit reports are due to District chairman by April 15, 2019.
- District reports to Department chairman by May 1, 2019.

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

Did your unit participate in “Give 10 to Education”? If so, describe how.

- How many scholarships were awarded in your unit? What was the total dollar amount?
- Did your unit donate to Department scholarships? Give dollar amount.
- Did your unit participate in National Education Week? Explain how.
- Was a needy student helped by your unit? If so, how were they helped?
- Did your unit participate in the Veteran in the classroom program? Describe.

Department Academic Gifts and Scholarship

- ALA Department of Indiana Academic Gift for juniors
- Hoosier Academic Gift
- ALA Firkins Veteran's Children Academic Gift
- Past Presidents Academic Gift

National Scholarships

- Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship
- Non-Traditional Student Scholarship
- Spirit of Youth Scholarship
- American Legion Samsung scholarship

Education Awards

Department:

- Jane Holmes Revolving Award (Unit submitting best overall year round narrative)

Personal Awards to:

Unit with the best narrative on:

- “Give 10 to Education” Include a Picture of school supplies.
- National Education Week (Nov. 12-16, 2018)-include pictures of participation.

Additional Resources:

www.aladeptin.org

www.alaforveterans.org/education