



Education August 2025



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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 opportunities, and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

What can you do?

- Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at local schools.
- Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the Department and Unit levels.
- Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 10 to Education", American Education Week, and Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.
- Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

With your help, I hope to assist the National Chairman in achieving these objectives. More information on the activities, programs and awards for the Education Program will be forthcoming in future bulletins and at Fall Conference.

I thank you in advance for all your work in making this a successful year for the Education Program. I look forward to sharing ideas and working with all the Units in the Department of Arizona.

In the Spirit of Service, not for self,
For Veterans, God, and Country,

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Everyone is back in school. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the National Education Committee's plan. The application for the **Flinn Scholarships** is now open! See the link on the Scholarships page of the Department website. This month: **Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 10 to Education," American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.**

The "Give 10 to Education" program is designed to allow our members to support education from different angles. Let's try for 100% participation, because this project can allow all members, juniors included, to participate. Here's how it works!

Determine what type of activity in which you would like to participate. Here are some suggestions:

1. Donate 10 minutes/hours/days of your time to volunteer in a classroom.
2. Assist with or donate 10 items to a backpack program held at many schools.
3. Donate 10 boxes of pencils or crayons to a classroom or school.
4. Provide a \$10 donation to a school library.
5. Help a teacher on the playground for 10 minutes.
6. Donate 10 flags and discuss the importance of the flag to a class.
7. Donate 10 pairs of shoes or socks to a kindergarten class.
8. Give 10 dictionaries to third grade students.
9. Support a scholarship fund (including National Scholarships) by donating \$10.

American Education Week is November 17-21, 2025. Visit the schools to promote the Auxiliary scholarships. Send a card to all local school staff, including all school personnel who children interact with, teachers, office staff, bus drivers, custodians, etc.

Promote Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2026. Send cards to your local schools' teachers. Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need. Plan teacher appreciation events at your schools.

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Education October 2025



Everyone is well into the school year. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools.**

Information on the Veterans in Community Schools program is available in the publications, *Veterans in the Classroom: History in the First Person*, on the Legion's website at [Veterans in the classroom: an educational activity of The American Legion | Digital Archive](https://www.legion.org/magazine/162500/hardest-year) and [Veterans in the classroom: history in the first person | Digital Archive \(legion.org\)](https://www.legion.org/magazine/162500/hardest-year). They contain helpful hints on starting this program in your area.

- Collaborate with your local American Legion post to present this program in your schools.
- Contact your local school teachers to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in the Classroom event.
- Provide information to the teacher hosting your program about the challenges facing today's military families.
- The teacher can introduce the topic before your unit's presentation. It may be helpful to reference the article that was published in the Legion's magazine at <https://www.legion.org/magazine/162500/hardest-year> .
- Promote your Veterans in the Classroom event through local media and on your own social media accounts.
- Volunteer to provide transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in the classroom.
- Wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit classrooms.

"The American Legion believes that our military veterans are living textbooks of American History. Their accounts of experiences in a uniform of the United States Armed Forces should be preserved and shared with others, especially with students in America's schools." (American Legion Publication No. 23-015, Rev. 1-2012)

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Education

November 2025

The 1st quarter is already at an end! Each month I am focusing on one of the areas mentioned in the August newsletter. This month: **Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.**

There are a number of ways that Members and Units can promote scholarships:

- Assign a member to communicate with school guidance counselors/teachers regarding scholarship applications. Obtain information on the website for the applications (found at <http://www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships>) and provide them to the schools.
- Inform school-aged children in your community about National, Department and Unit scholarship opportunities.
- Volunteer to be on the scholarship selection committee in your District or Unit.
- Make a donation to American Legion Auxiliary education scholarship funds (Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, ALA Foundation at www.ALAFoundation.org or Department, District or Unit scholarships).
- Create a Unit scholarship fund to award scholarships to local students.
- Prepare a news release with scholarship information for local media and your Post/Unit newsletter.
- Publicize the winners of Auxiliary scholarships at a school presentation and through the media.

National American Legion Auxiliary scholarships awarded in each Division include the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, the Spirit of Youth Scholarship and the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship. The Department of Arizona also awards the Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship to a second-year or upper division student in Political Science, Public Programs or Special Education at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University or the University of Arizona.

Be sure to review all the material in the Education packet available on the Department website following the Fall Conference. It contains links to the rules and application forms for all of these scholarships, as well as the report forms for the year-end report. Don't forget *American Education Week*, November 17 -21, 2025.

I look forward to hearing how your Units promote the Auxiliary scholarships.

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Education December 2025

ATTENTION: ALL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE THIS YEAR BY 11:59 P.M. MARCH 1, 2026!

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The following items are available on the Department and the National website:

1. Rules for National and Department awards in Education: [Education Program National Awards \(legion-aux.org\)](http://Education Program National Awards (legion-aux.org)) and Dept Awards/Narratives.
2. The **Education Year-end report** form to be submitted to the Department Chair by **May 1, 2026 Department Report Forms**.
3. The applications for the **Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, The Spirit of Youth Scholarship, and The Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship** are available at [Scholarships \(legion-aux.org\)](http://Scholarships (legion-aux.org)) .
4. A copy of the rules and application for the **Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship** is also available at Hoyal-Chilton Memorial Scholarship.pdf.
5. A printable scholarship brochure is available on the Education page of the Department website. AZ Legion Family Scholarship Pamphlet.pdf

The entire information packet for Education can be found on the Department website Education Fall Conference packet.

Further information can be found on the National website <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/education>

Please feel free to contact me for further information or assistance. I look forward to seeing the creative ways that the Units promote the Education Program. Be sure to continue to update me with your activities related to your education program so that I can pass on your achievements on to the Division Chairman.

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