

Plaque #1 KORY LYNN JARVIS Junior Member of the Year (JMOY)

Plaque #2 ARIZONA Rising Star Junior (RSJ) Plaques

(REVISED 2026)

(both are submitted by individual Jr. Members)

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: Junior Activities

ELIGIBILITY:

- JMOY: Applicant must have been a Junior member at the start of the current ALA administrative year, be at least in eighth grade or an eighth-grade equivalent, and be between the ages of 14-17.
- RSJ: Applicant must have been a Junior member at the start of the current ALA administrative year and be between the ages of 8-13 at the start of the current administrative year.
- All applicants must be Junior members in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Typewritten narrative supported by photos and other evidence of activities. This award has "special" formatting for the title page and signatures as follows:

The cover page/fly sheet will include:

The specific name of the award for which it is written

The Unit's name and number

The name, age, grade, and address of the Junior member applying for the award

The dates of the current administrative year

The Unit's membership total at the time of writing (separate as Sr. and Jr. totals)

Narrative will be double spaced with 1 inch margins at top, bottom, and sides of page

The Junior member applying for the award and the (Senior) Unit President sign the narrative

Word count of the narrative will be placed at the end of the entry

NO copies of completed Department report forms will be attached

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period covered: Due date decided on by Department Officers and Chairmen annually (usually May 1 of the current calendar year) for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

AWARD PRESENTATION: Department Junior Convention. Also, Department Senior Convention by invitation. The Department Plaques for the Kory Lynn Jarvis Junior Member of the Year (JMOY) and the Arizona Rising Star Junior (RSJ) will continue as traveling plaques to be kept with the winning Junior members' Units for the next year. The individual Junior members receiving the awards will receive a small plaque to keep.

AWARD CRITERIA (JMOY & RSJ): The judging of the narratives for the awarding of these plaques shall be done prior to the Junior Convention by a committee of at least three (3) appointed by the Department Jr. Activities Chairman. The Chairman may be a judge. No judge shall have a conflict of interest, e.g., a Jr. member of their Unit has submitted for the award.

- Applicant's narrative will detail the Junior member's ALA participation and activities during the past year. Only activities from the last 12 months will be considered.
- Document with photographs, screenshots, and other evidence of Junior's ALA participation and activities.
- Narrative will be the applicant's original composition and may be checked for the use of AI. Narratives deemed 20% or more written by AI will be disqualified.

(JMOY and RSJ Plaques continued)

PLEASE NOTE: National awards in this category follow a separate submission and judging process and must be submitted directly by the Junior member or her Unit (Not the Department Chairman or Department Headquarters) to the National organization.

Submission for a Department award is not required for National submissions.

Please contact the appropriate Department Chairman or see the National website (www.alaforveterans.org) for information about National awards and process for submission.

As of 2026:

National awards one (1) National Junior Member of the Year (JMOY) a \$5000.00 scholarship, an engraved plaque, a trip to the next National Convention, and authorization to attend the next National Junior Meeting in their Division at National's expense.

National also awards four (4) Divisional Junior Members of the Year (JMOYs) a \$1000.00 scholarship each, a citation plaque each, and authorization for each to attend the next National Junior Meeting in their Division at National's expense.

National chooses five (5) Rising Star Juniors, one (1) from each division. All 5 receive a citation plaque and are authorized to attend the next National Junior Meeting in their Division at National's expense.

VERY IMPORTANT: Submission for JMOY and RSJ National awards are to cover the period from June 1 of the previous calendar year through May 31 of the current calendar year. This differs from the period covered in the Department award.