

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PLAQUES (Revised 2026)

Jeanne McQuown Memorial Children & Youth Plaque for Units with membership of 150 and under

Arizona Children & Youth Plaque for Units with membership of 151 and over

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: Children and Youth

ELIGIBILITY: Any Unit in good standing in the Department of Arizona is eligible for the award in their proper membership category.

SUBMISSION TYPE: A typewritten narrative, not exceeding 1000 words, attached to a copy of the official Department Children & Youth Report Form. The narrative will contain an outline of activities of the Unit's Children & Youth program. For cover sheet, signature, and other requirements see Rules 16, 17, 18 of Standing Rules Addendum #4 at the front of the Department Awards Manual. A copy of the Department Children & Youth Report Form must be included.

SUBMISSION DUE DATE/Period Covered: Due by date decided on by 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: Traveling plaque presented at Department Convention by the Department Children & Youth Chairman.

AWARD CRITERIA:

The judging of the Unit narratives for the awarding of these plaques shall be done prior to the Department Convention by a committee of at least three (3) appointed by the Department Children & Youth Chairman. The Chairman may be a judge. No judge shall have a conflict of interest, e.g., their Unit has submitted for the award.

SCORING SYSTEM:

A. Copy of Department Report Form filled in completely	10%
B. Legislative Activity	5%
C. Cooperation with Post Chairman	10%
D. Cooperation with and contributions to other Children & Youth organizations	20%
E. Utilization of Local, County, or Federal Children & Youth facilities	20%
F. Special Children & Youth program in cooperation with Post Children & Youth Chairman during April-American Legion Children & Youth Month	15%
G. Community Activity for Children	20%

PLEASE NOTE: National Awards in this category follow a separate submission and judging process and must be submitted directly by the Unit or the Unit Children & Youth Chairman (NOT THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN OR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS) to the National organization.

Submission by a Unit for a Department award is not required for National submission.

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

As of 2026 one UNIT in each Division will receive the award for the Most Outstanding Unit Children & Youth Program. All membership sizes apply for the one Unit award in their Division.

Entries for National Department Awards are submitted by the Department Chairman.

As of 2026 one DEPARTMENT in each Division will receive the award for the Best Department Children & Youth Program.