



Education 2025-2026



Welcome to the exciting world of education! Education is a lifelong process that starts at birth and continues to the last breath of life. This year you have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of students and educators. Brainstorm, be creative, and encourage your members to do the same. How many lives can we touch? We are limited only by the number of people living in our communities, states and nation. The Education packet can be found on the Department website: aladeptaz.org (Member Resources)

Included in the packet, you will find:

1. Rules for National and Department awards in Education.
2. A copy of the **Education Year-end report** form to be submitted to the Department Chair by **May 1, 2026**.
3. Links to access 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**. (Printable scholarship pamphlets are available on the Department website.)
4. A copy of the rules and application for the **Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship**.
5. Suggestions for Give 10 to Education.
6. A printable pamphlet on the available scholarships.

The resources from the National Education Chairman, can be found on the American Legion Auxiliary website:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/education>

Don't forget - - November 17-21 is American Education Week and May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week.

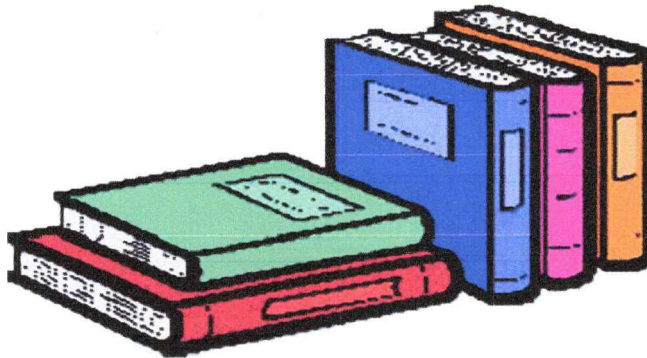
Please show your support for your local schools, educators and support personnel. The students of today will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Please feel free to contact me for further information or assistance.

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

Julie Vietri

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National Scholarships and Awards

Scholarships

All National scholarships should be submitted online by March 1, 2026. Applications are available for completion on the National website, www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships

A. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

- Awarded to children of veterans who served in the armed forces during the eligibility dates for The American Legion.
 - Three \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded in each division.
- Fifteen outstanding students will be awarded a total of \$75,000 to further their higher education.
- The applicant must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years to be eligible for one of these scholarships.

B. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

- One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division.
- Applicant must be a member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion and shall have paid dues for the two preceding years and for the calendar year in which the application is made.

C. Spirit of Youth Scholarship

- One Junior member in each division will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.
- Applicant must be a senior in high school, have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the immediate past three years, hold a current membership card and continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the four-year scholarship period.

D. Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

- Two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division.
- Applicants must have been a Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years and be a paid member for the current membership year. Winners must continue membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.
- Applicants must be a traditional student with no interruption in education, at least in the first semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree.

E. Member Award: Give 10 to Education

- a. Award: Printable citation
- b. Presented to: Participants of Give 10 to Education
- c. Materials and Guidelines:
 - i. Recognition certificates are available to download and print at www.ALAforVeterans.org on the Education Committee page.

F. Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Education Program

- a. Award: Citation plaque
- b. Presented to: One unit in each division (5)
- c. Materials and guidelines:
 - i. Awarded to the unit in each division with the most outstanding Education program.
 - ii. Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specific examples of how your unit worked the Education program, including Veterans in Community Schools.
 - iii. May include pictures, news articles, news releases, etc.

G. Department Award: Best Department Education Program

- a. Award: Citation
- b. Presented to: One department in each division (5)
- c. Materials and guidelines:
 - i. Awarded to the department in each division that conducted the best overall Education program.
 - ii. Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specific examples of how your department worked the Education program, including Veterans in Community Schools.
 - iii. May include pictures, news articles, news releases, etc.

How To Sheets

- How to Organize a Veterans in Community Schools Event
- How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund

Additional Resources You Can Use

1. American Legion Auxiliary scholarship applications: www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships
2. Educational resources through the Americanism and Children & Youth Commission of The American Legion: www.legion.org/education
3. Free online tutoring for military children: www.tutor.com/military
4. Student Veterans of America: www.studentveterans.org
5. Your national Education committee members (see Education program page on the national website or Annual Supplement for contact information).
6. The national Education Committee Facebook group, search ALA Education

National Education Awards

Education Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the National website.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section.
- 3) Submit as indicated on the Education page of the National website.

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and Education committee contact information may be found on the Education committee page on the national website, <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/education>

**EDUCATION YEAR-END REPORT FORM
2025-2026**

Unit Number _____ Total Membership _____

Chairman Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail address _____

Supporting the Program

Number of Unit Members involved in support of the program _____

Number of Juniors involved in support of the program _____

Number of Legionnaires involved in support of the program _____

How did the Unit promote the National Scholarships?

How did your Unit promote the Department Scholarship, the Wilma Hoyal-Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship?

Number of Unit Scholarships awarded _____ Dollar value _____

Did your Unit participate in American Education Week? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit participate in the *Give 10 to Education* program? How many *Give 10 to Education* certificates were given in your Unit? _____ Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit present the *Veterans in the Classroom* program? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit actively support any Veterans associations on college or university campuses? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit help assist needy students? Briefly describe the activities.

Did your Unit involve the Legionnaires, the Sons and the Legion Riders? How many of each group participated? In what way did they participate?

What were the other community resources or activities your Unit used to assist students, teachers or support personnel?

You may use separate paper, if needed.

Please return this form to the Education Chairman, **Julie Vietri, 7663 E. 6th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or jvietri@msn.com , on or before May 1, 2026.**

Reminder: A typed narrative, not to exceed 1000 words, must be submitted to be eligible for the **Jean Batley Plaque** or the **Chrysteen Fritzinger Plaque**.

Department of Arizona Education Awards & Scholarship Rules

All areas of the National Organization's education program should be emphasized and Units are encouraged to participate.

The Department winners of the *Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship*, *Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members*, *Non-Traditional Student Scholarship*, and *Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship* will each receive a \$25 cash award, and these awards will be included in the annual Department budget as a separate line item.

The Department has established the Wilma Hoyal/Maxine Chilton Memorial Scholarship. There are three scholarships awarded annually; one to Arizona State University, one to The University of Arizona, and one to Northern Arizona University.

This scholarship is renewable provided the student meets the outlined criteria. Recipient must file an application through the American Legion Auxiliary Department office. Applications for this scholarship may be secured by the student through the University office or the Department of Arizona American Legion Auxiliary website.

Recipient must be enrolled as a second year or an upper-division student in Political Science, Public Programs, or Special Education.

Rules and requirements for these scholarships will be provided with the application form.

Nursing Scholarships are awarded through the Past Presidents Parley Committee.

CHRYSTEEN FRITZINGER PLAQUE

Units with membership of 151 and over.

The purpose of this award is to stimulate interest in good participation in the Education program of the American Legion Auxiliary by giving recognition to the Unit which makes the most use of the available ideas in education, scholarship and loan possibilities.

RULES:

1. Any Unit in the Department of Arizona may receive this award in this membership category.
2. This award shall become the permanent property of that Unit which wins it for three (3) consecutive years. It is understood that the permanent winner of this plaque will place another one in the Department of Arizona for competition following the same rules. The name of the plaque shall remain the same each year.
3. The judging of the reports shall be made prior to the time of the annual Department Convention. Three (3) judges are to be appointed by the Department Education Chairman, none to be selected from the Auxiliary members belonging to Units competing for this award.
4. Judging will be actual participation in Scholarships, both Loan and Gift, Educational program in both high school and grammar schools, and extra activity done.
5. Unit Education reports must be into the Department Education Chairman on or before deadline date for reports or date designated by the Department Chairman.
6. A narrative report of the work accomplished in this program must be included with the report to be eligible for this award. The narrative must be typewritten, not to exceed 1,000 words. Newspaper clippings, pictures, programs, etc. may be included in a separate section from the narrative.

JEAN BATLEY PLAQUE

Units with membership of 150 and under.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT
OF ARIZONA

WILMA HOYAL-MAXINE CHILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

One (1) annual scholarship of \$3000.00 is available to a student at each of the following schools: Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, the University of Arizona, and Grand Canyon University enrolled as a **second year or upper division student in Political Science, Public Programs or Special Education.** (A total of 4 scholarships per year is possible.)

Applicant must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Arizona for at least one (1) year. Honorably discharged veterans or immediate family members of a veteran will be given preference.

Application must be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona Headquarters office by **May 15th** preceding term to be commenced in the fall.

Final selection will be made by the American Legion Auxiliary through the Department President and committee of three (3) Past Department Presidents. Recipients will receive awards through the appropriate school offices for each academic year in the following manner. One half (½) of award will be made available to the recipient at the beginning of fall and spring semesters, dependent on proper enrollment with the university.

Applicant must complete at least 12 hours with a grade average of "B" or better, and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Selection for assistance will be made on the following basis:

Scholarship 25%	Character 20%
Financial Need 40%	Leadership 15%

Submit application with attachments in the following order:

1. Completed application.
2. Resume of not more than 300 words giving family background, civic, social, school, and church activities, including statement of applicant's career goals.
3. Three (3) letters of reference from persons who can testify to character, aptitude, initiative, and need, e.g. Instructors, Counselor, Financial Aid Director, Clergyman or Employer.
4. Transcripts of previous year's grades.

Former recipient continuing degree programs as listed above may re-apply provided applicant complies with rules, submitting new application data.

Assemble the preceding data in folder form with the application following this page and send to:

American Legion Auxiliary
Department Headquarters
4701 N. 19th Ave. Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3727

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
WILMA HOYAL-MAXINE CHILTON
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Applicant_____

Address_____Email_____

City_____State_____Zip_____Phone_____

Date of Birth_____Social Security # _____

Marital Status_____Length of Residence in Arizona_____

PERSONAL INCOME SOURCE \$ _____

IMMEDIATE FAMILY INCOME SOURCE: \$ _____

Is an immediate family member a veteran?_____Living?_____

Relationship (self, father, grandfather, mother, brother, etc.)_____

Brief statement of service_____

Have you applied for other scholarships?_____

If so, give amount_____

Have you been awarded other scholarships?_____

If so, give amount_____

Name of University attending:_____



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		
Totals:		



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**SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION**



**AMERICAN
LEGION
RIDERS**



THE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**For Veterans, Their Families,
Our Members, and the Community**

Information on the following **AMERICAN LEGION** scholarships at legion.org/scholarships

AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Available to children of Post 9/11 military fallen or Post 9/11 veterans with a 50% or higher VA disability rating.

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

Available to high school juniors the year they attend Boys or Girls State and are direct descendants of veterans. Awards up to \$10,000.00.

EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Eagle Scout can receive up to \$10,000.00.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Constitutional Speech Scholarship Contest. Awards up to \$25,000.00.

LEGION BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Awards from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Awards up to \$5,000.00

ANAVICUS SCHOLARSHIP

(Army/Navy/Air Force Veterans in Canada and United States) \$1500.00 scholarships available.

alleca-az.org

ALLECA

Any AZ student, ages 14-19, male and female. A one-week mini-police academy / military boot camp.

azlegion.org/programs/the-junior-reserve-officers-training-corps-jrotc/

JROTC

Elective course at high school level motivating good citizenship in a structured environment. Instructors are retired or reserve members of the US military.

azlegion.org/boysstate

BOYS STATE

A citizenship training program teaching city, county, and state civics in a learn-by-doing format. For students between Junior and Senior year of high school.

Information on the following **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY** scholarships at legion-aux.org/scholarships

CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

Available to high school Seniors who are direct descendants of a veteran. Fifteen (15) \$5,000.00 awards.

SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

Available to high school Seniors who have at least 3 years of Junior membership in the American Legion Auxiliary. \$1000.00 each awarded to 47 students. \$5,000.00 each awarded to 5 students. Spirit of Youth Fund also provides scholarships to the Junior Members of the Year and Girls Nation citizens.

MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Available to current college students who have maintained Junior Auxiliary membership (transitioning to Senior membership) for at least 3 years.

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Available to members of Legion family, veterans, and spouses of veterans or active duty. Student is returning to college after an interruption in attendance. Five \$2000.00 scholarships.

Information on the following scholarships at aladeptaz.org/6---scholarships---educational-opportunities.html

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY NURSES SCHOLARSHIP

Available to nursing students in at least second year. \$1000.00.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY SCHOLARSHIP IN HEALTH CARE OCCUPATIONS

Available to students working toward certification or degree in an affiliated health care field. \$1000.00.

WILMA HOYAL/MAXINE CHILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Four (4) \$3000.00 awards, one each to ASU, U of A, NAU, and Grand Canyon University.

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Grades 3-12, also Special Needs category. Topic changes annually.

volunteer.va.gov/parkescholarship.asp

JAMES H. PARKE MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Available to student volunteers (10th grade to less than 19 years old) at VA Medical Centers. Award for at least 100 hours during the year up to \$20,000.00. A second award for summer only volunteers is also available.

azgirlsstate.com

GIRLS STATE

A citizenship training program teaching city, county, and state civics in a learn-by-doing format. For students between Junior and Senior year of high school. Arizona Alumni Association awards two \$200.00 scholarships every year to girls attending.

legion.org/scholarships

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

Available to high school juniors the year they attend Boys or Girls State. Must be a direct descendant of a veteran. Awards up to \$10,000.00.