

### EDUCATION PRE CONVENTION MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2026  
at 7:00 PM Eastern



West Covina, CA Unit 790 visited a pre-K classroom. The highlight was reading the wonderful story of The Poppy Lady, which was beautifully complemented by a creative Poppy Flower art craft session.



Weatherly, PA Unit 360 joined a Pre K class in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The students were presented with patriotic pencils and stickers

### Looking Ahead:

### Scholarship Planning for the Year Ahead

This year's scholarship season has concluded, and recipients have been notified. Now is the ideal time to begin preparing for next year's cycle. A thoughtful review of this year's process can help improve the applicant experience, strengthen your selection criteria, and ensure your program is ready for a successful launch.

#### *Gather Applicant Feedback*

- ☒ Send a survey to applicants to gather suggestions on how to make the application process clearer and easier to complete.
- ☒ Review responses for recurring questions, challenges, or areas where instructions may need improvement.

#### *Review the Application*

- ☒ Compare your scholarship application with forms used by other units or departments.
- ☒ Confirm that you are collecting all necessary information while keeping the application as straightforward as possible.
- ☒ Identify any questions that are outdated, unclear, or redundant.

#### *Evaluate the Judging Criteria*

- ☒ Review your judging criteria to decide whether any updates are needed.

- ☒ Make sure the criteria are clearly written and easy for reviewers to interpret consistently.

- ☒ Consider whether the scoring process reflects your program's current priorities and goals.

#### *Reassess Essay Requirements*

- ☒ Decide whether students should continue to submit financial needs.
- ☒ If an essay is needed, confirm that the essay question is clear, relevant, and appropriate for the scholarship's purpose.
- ☒ Consider whether there are alternative ways to gather the same information more effectively.

Submitted by Judy Ackerman, Education Committee Vice-Chair



# CONGRATULATIONS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



NATIONAL EDUCATION CHAIR, BARBARA WASHBURN, AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2025-2026 NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK PART IN JUDGING!

## CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP (\$5,000)

Rachel Anderson	Alaska
Brooke Neider	Arizona
Ruby McBride	Colorado
Elisabeth Howell	Kansas
Sutton Sherrard	Kentucky
Ava Moore	Mississippi
Sophia Luraschi	Missouri
Jacqueline Stoner	Nebraska
Alexander Iglesias	New Jersey
Drew Burris	North Dakota
Christina Massouh	Pennsylvania
Sanaa Sanders	Texas
McKinley Keaffaber	Vermont
Madeline Pelczar	Washington
Skylar Hook	West Virginia



## MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP (\$2500)

Hailey Bopp	Arizona
Marissa Gong	California
Evelyn Hinshaw	Indiana
Zoie Crupper	Kansas
KayLynn Novak	Nebraska
Emma Davidson	New Hampshire
Mackenzie Brotherson	New Jersey
Hannah Ahart	South Dakota
Tiffany Lowry	Texas
Ella Ridgway	Virginia



## NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (\$2000)

Amanda Rossignol	Arizona
Olivia Aldridge	Massachusetts
Jai-san Williams	Missouri
Raylie Pourier	Nebraska
Amanda Nieto	Oklahoma