



2019-2020 Program Action Plan EDUCATION

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What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotions and support of education beyond high school, with a special emphasis on children of veterans and servicemembers.

What Can You Do?

1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools.
2. Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships, and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.
3. Support Give 10 to Education, American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.
4. Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.
5. Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

Scholarships

All ALA scholarships should be submitted by *(check with Department Education Chairman)*.

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 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 Auxiliary Loyalty Scholarship (National)

- Two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division, for a total of ten scholarships.
- Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2017, 2018 and 2019) and must be a paid member for the current (2020) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period. Applicant must have completed at least one semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree and have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 base.
- This scholarship is intended for the traditional student with no interruption in her education, who is at least in her first semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree. Any member who is non-traditional student (a student who returning to the classroom after some time away from college) is welcome to apply for the American Legion Auxiliary Non-Traditional Scholarship.

E. Junior Auxiliary Loyalty Scholarship (Department)

- One scholarship in the amount of \$100 will be awarded for Department.
- Candidates for this award have the same criteria as National scholarship
- This scholarship is intended for the traditional student with no interruption in her education (as stated above).

Deadlines: Scholarship applications should be sent to your local ALA Unit by March 1, 2020, or contact the Department Education Chairman, Nancy O'Leary.

For applications visit Department website www.OKAmLegionAux.org or National website www.ALAforVeterans.org



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.

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Education Program

Education Reporting:

Mid-Year Reports

Please submit a narrative report by **December 21, 2019** to the Department Education Chairman.

Year-End Reports

Please submit a narrative report by **May 1, 2020** to the Department Education Chairman.

As part of your Narrative Report, please include answers to the following questions:

- How was Give 10 participation recognized in your department?
- Describe how Veterans in Community Schools programs were presented.
- If units actively support veterans associations on campus, describe their activities.

Special 100th Anniversary History Program Facts:

The American Legion and the Auxiliary have been advocates of Education through the years. Kicking off at its inception in 1919, The American Legion met with representatives of the National Education Association to discuss the state of Education in our country and to create awareness of the problems of illiteracy. The first American Education week was introduced in December of 1921, with The American Legion and the NEA as cosponsors. The week before Thanksgiving has been designated as American Education Week and Auxiliary Members still support this important week.