

**Education Committee**  
**Department of Alabama**  
**Program Engagement Plan 2025-2026**

There are so many things to remember about the Education Program so the Department Education Committee would like you to “Mark Your Calendars” with these activities throughout the year.

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| <b>September</b> | Support the Give Ten to Education initiative by encouraging members to donate at least 10 items to a local school. Don't forget the special needs classrooms and music and art programs with your donations.  |
| <b>October</b>   | <p>Attend the Department Leadership Conference on October 11th and be ready to learn about all the programs the American Legion Auxiliary supports.</p> <p>Provide teachers with fun and helpful items such as snacks, tea or coffee, or gift cards just for them.</p>  |
| <b>November</b>  | <p>Team up with your Post to present a program on Veterans Day or read to a classroom.</p> <p>Provide much needed items for classrooms during National Education Week November 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.</p>   |
| <b>December</b>  | Purchase books for schools and local libraries.   |
| <b>January</b>   | Make a bulletin board at your Post or local school about scholarship opportunities provided by the American Legion Family.  |
| <b>February</b>  | <p>Spread the word of the National Scholarships due March 1st. More than 80 are awarded each year and some are designated for non-traditional students.</p> <p><i>Alabama had a student awarded a \$5000 National Spirit of Youth Scholarship last year. The application process is all on-line and easy to complete.</i></p> |
| <b>March</b>     | <p>Volunteer to read in your schools on National Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss' birthday, on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>Let your local High School Guidance Counselor know Department Scholarship applications are due April 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>   |

<b>April</b>	Sponsor a party for the military children in your schools on Purple-Up! Day, April 15 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>May</b>	Send thank you notes to teachers during Teacher Appreciation week May 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> .  Submit a report to your Department Education Chair by May 15th highlighting all the Education activities your Unit or District has participated in.
<b>June</b>	Attend Department Convention so you can hear about what other Units and Districts are doing for their schools and how they are raising funds for scholarships.
<b>July</b>	Pay your dues so you can continue to support all ALA programs.  Start planning Education activities for the upcoming school year.
<b>August</b>	Promote and donate to American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion scholarships.

**Want more details??    Need more ideas??**

**Contact the Department Education Committee listed below or go to the American Legion Auxiliary National website at [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)!**

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