

Education Committee

Department of Alabama

Program Engagement Plan 2024-2025

We are here to tell you Education program activities are NOT limited to National Education week or awarding scholarships at Award night, it is a year-round program for your Unit and District.

The Department Education Committee has started a reminder calendar for some of the activities that can be done throughout the year to support your local schools, teachers, staff and scholarship funds.

September	October	November	December
Back-To-School Activities Give 10 to Education	Teacher Survival Kits Attend Department Leadership Conference	Veterans in Schools National Education Week November 13-17	Donate books to school or community libraries
January	February	March	April
Bulletin boards in schools for scholarship opportunities	National Scholarship Applications are due March 1st	Read Across America March 2nd	Purple Up! Day April 15 th Dept Scholarship applications due May 1 st
May	June	July	August
Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9 Report to Education Chairman due May 15th	Attend Department Convention	Pay your dues Plan fundraisers for Scholarships	Promote Auxiliary and Legion Scholarships

Here is a summary of some of the activities on the calendar:

September – Encourage members to donate at least 10 items to a local school. Don't forget the special needs classrooms and music and art programs.

October – Attend the Department Leadership Conference and be ready to learn about all of the programs the American Legion Auxiliary supports. Provide teachers with fun and helpful items such as snacks, tea or coffee, or gift cards just for them.

November – Work with your Post to present a program on Veterans Day or read to a classroom. Provide much needed items for classrooms for National Education Week.

December – Purchase books for schools and local libraries.

January – Ask schools to allow you to do a bulletin board about scholarship opportunities with the American Legion Family.

February – 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.

March – Volunteer to read in your schools on Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss' birthday, on March 2nd.

April – Sponsor a party for the military children in your schools. Purple-Up! Day on April 15th.

May – Send thank you notes to teachers to show your appreciation in the week of May 5th – 9th. Submit a report to your Department Education Chair by May 15th highlighting all the Education activities your Unit or District has participated in.

June – 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.

July – Pay your dues so you can continue to support all ALA programs. Start planning Education activities for the upcoming school year.

August – Promote American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion scholarship opportunities.

Want more details? Need more ideas? Contact the Department Education Committee listed below or go to The American Legion Auxiliary website at alaforveterans.org.

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Scholarships for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alabama are four year scholarships, but are awarded annually. To re-apply, the recipient must have a 3.0 grade point average and a completed application on file in the above named office.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED IN APPLICANT'S OWN HANDWRITING, stating qualifications, age, need, etc., must be accompanied with a complete transcript of grades of High School and/or College Record, three (3) letters of recommendation from school, church, and a friend/neighbor (must be non-related to applicant), a small photograph, and proof of relationship (birth certificate) must accompany application with a copy of Service Record of Veteran (parent/grandparent) attached. (Please do not send the original Discharge). The applicant (boy or girl) must be a resident of Alabama, as must the veteran through whom they are applying. The value of the scholarship for each year is \$850.00. No money will change hands, credit will be given for books, tuition and board costs at each facility.

Evaluation of each application will be conducted by the American Legion auxiliary Scholarship Committee. Each application shall be reviewed and scored on a point basis in relation to each item listed on the official application form. **No application will be considered for review which does not contain all requested information in one envelope. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS TO REACH ABOVE OFFICE IS APRIL 1ST OF EACH YEAR. OTHERWISE, THEY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR JUDGING.**

Forty Scholarships are placed as follows:

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA CAMPUS – (Total of 5)

General Scholarships – 4; Lydia S. Matthews General Scholarship – 1

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS (UAB) – (Total of 5)

Nursing Scholarships as follows: Grace Wren – 1; Mary Ellis – 1; Ethel Smith – 1; Helen Montgomery – 1, and General Scholarship – 1

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, HUNTSVILLE CAMPUS (UAH) – (Total of 3)

General Scholarships – Clara Watley/Ruby Nunley – 1; Mary Lou Barksdale – 1; Huntsville 237 – 1

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, AUBURN CAMPUS – (Total of 5)

General Scholarships – 3; General Gorgas Unit #1 – 1; Fletcher-McCollister Unit #135 - 1

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, MONTGOMERY (AUM) – (Total of 3)

General Scholarships: Myrtle Chambless/Montgomery Unit #2–1; Montgomery Unit #2– 1; Doctors & Six Past Department Presidents of Unit #2 – 1.

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY - (Total of 4)

General Scholarship – 1; Nursing Scholarships – Maude M. Lewis – 1; Soles-Gantt-Ellis – 1; Azalea Woolley – 1

TROY STATE UNIVERSITY -- (Total of 7)

General Scholarships – 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; Pike County Unit #70 – 1; Brooks/Austin/35th District – 1; (restricted to residents of Pike County)

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO – (Total of 2)

General Scholarships – 2

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA (UNA) – FLORENCE – (Total of 1)

General Scholarships – 1

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA (USA) – MOBILE – (Total of 2)

Medical Scholarship/Anna C. Reynolds – 1; Nursing Scholarship/Lillian P. Andrews – 1

UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA (UWA) – LIVINGSTON – (Total of 1)

General Scholarship – 1

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY – MONTGOMERY – (Total of 1)

General Scholarship – Saxon-Simmons-Moorman – 1

ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY (A&M) – (Total of 1)

General Scholarship – 1

These American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships are available only to descendants of Veterans of World War I (April 6 1917-November 11, 1918), World War II (December 7, 1941-December 31, 1946), Korean War (June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955), Vietnam Conflict (February 28, 1961-May 7, 1975), Beirut/Grenada Emergency (August 24, 1982-July 31, 1984), Panama Emergency (December 20, 1989-January 31, 1990), and Operation Desert SHIELD/STORM (August 2, 1991 – cessation date not yet set).

Information in heavy type is most important. It is needed for evaluation of all Scholarship Applications. If all required material is not included in one envelope, no consideration will be given to that application. Scholarships, once awarded, cannot be transferred from one campus to another. Copies of all grade transcripts for each semester must be provided to this organization to maintain a complete record on each recipient.

Please be sure all papers and information requested have been included with your application. The Scholarship Committee will meet immediately after April 1st to award these scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

For the American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship at _____ University.
Have you been accepted by the University? _____

1. Full name of applicant: _____
2. Present address: _____
Street/Route/Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

3. Age: _____ 4. Sex _____ 5. Telephone: () _____ 6. SSN _____

7. High School attended: _____

8. College/University attended (if any) _____

Is this your Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Year?

*9. Please submit copy of your parent's/grandparent's service record: _____

*10. Transcript of Scholastic Record of High School or College, Grade Point Average: _____

*11. Three letters of recommendation from: a) School, b) Church, & c) Friend/Neighbor (must be non-related).

*12. State your Career Field (Nursing, Teaching, etc.) _____

13. Describe briefly your most interesting experience in school work, honors, extracurricular activities or responsibilities (if presently in college, list college related activities):

14. Describe briefly your reasons for applying for this scholarship:

15. If you work, annual salary: _____. If married, spouse's annual salary _____.

If supported by parents,

Father's occupation: _____ Yearly income: _____

Mother's occupation: _____ Yearly income: _____

16. How many OTHER children, still living at home, in your family? _____ Ages? _____

Do they attend: Elementary School _____ Junior/Senior High _____ College _____

Do you have children of your own? _____ Ages _____

17. Date this Application is completed (must be postmarked no later than 1st of April) _____

18. Is the return of credentials requested? If so, **ENCLOSE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH SUFFICIENT POSTAGE FOR THIS PURPOSE; OTHERWISE WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**

19. **ELIGIBILITY:** Sons/grandsons and daughters/granddaughters of Veterans of World War I; World War II; Korean War; Vietnam Conflict; Beirut/Granada/Panama Emergencies; Desert Storm War (underline which one). Students applying **MUST BE RESIDENTS OF ALABAMA, AS MUST THE VETERAN ON WHOM THEY ARE APPLYING.**

20. Are you a member of the American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the Legion? (underline which) _____

21. Did you attend Boys or Girls State between your Junior/Senior year? (underline which) _____

22. If sponsored by a Unit or Post, please state name and number _____

23. Scholarships are awarded each year: Re-application (along with grade transcripts) must be made each year, once they are awarded. They are judged on merit each year.

* **This information is most important and must be sent in together or application will not be considered for judging.**

Mail Application and a small photograph to: American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 606, Montgomery, AL 36101