



The American Legion Auxiliary is extending its administrative year through our 2021 National Convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please save your 2019-2020 reports and add the great work you will continue to do throughout the 2020-2021 year.

2019 - 2021 Annual Supplement to the Programs 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.

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 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan.
- 3) Make sure to include your data from 2019-2021 in your report.

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and Education committee contact information may be found on the Education committee page on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org.

- A. Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Education Program (per division)**
 - Deadline: June 1, 2021
 - Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.
- B. Department Award: Best Department Education Program (per division)**
 - Deadline: June 1, 2021
 - Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.

Scholarships

Note: Scholarship applications are available for download on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships.

- A. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship**
 - Scholarship applications should be sent to your local ALA unit
 - Deadline: March 1, 2021
- B. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**
 - Scholarship applications should be sent to your local ALA unit
 - Deadline: March 1, 2021
- C. Spirit of Youth Scholarship**
 - Scholarship applications should be sent to your local ALA unit



- Deadline: March 1, 2021
- D. **Junior Auxiliary Loyalty Scholarship**
- Scholarship applications should be sent to your local ALA unit
 - Deadline: March 1, 2021
 - 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 (2018, 2019 and 2020) and must be a paid member for the current (2021) 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.

Education Reporting

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each department Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **January 5, 2021** to the division Education chairman, plus copy the national Education chairman.

Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each department Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 15, 2021** to the division Education chairman, plus copy the national Education chairman. Members and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.

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.