AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Education
American Legion Auxiliary
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Education Department Chair Program 2024-2025

Purpose: The purpose of the Education Committee is to promote quality education for children—especially for military children—and adults. Standing Rule #6, Mission Outreach Programs.

Key Program Statements

- To promote quality education for children, especially for military children, and adults.
- To encourage schools to invite veterans to speak in their classrooms.
- To provide scholarships for students who desire a college education.
- To Support legislation that establishes new scholarship opportunities.
- To support the Education program and scholarship opportunities of The American Legion.

As the new school year approaches, we have an opportunity to positively impact the educational environment. My first initiative is to establish connections with our local schools to create opportunities for collaboration and support. I suggest each unit personalize and send the attached two letters to the Superintendent of their school district. This proved successful for the Units that sent it last year. One letter is a request to the Superintendent to share the second letter with the Faculty and Staff in the district. The letter for the Faculty and Staff is not just for teachers, as I understand the value of all personnel inside a school that is necessary for the success of the school and their students.
Click on the hyperlinks and you will be asked to make a copy of the Google document for personalization. Please email me (elainekotler@yahoo.com) if you would prefer a Word document. I will personalize one for you if you send me your Unit's info (Unit #, Education Chair, address and contact information, email, and/or phone).
Request to Superintendents 2024-25
Thank you teachers 2024-245

Suggestions to support The Education Program
For more information click here.

- **Volunteer**: Many education programs require hands-on support, such as helping with scholarship applications, mentoring students, or assisting with educational events.
- **Promote Scholarships**: The ALA offers scholarships for students pursuing higher education. Spread the word about these scholarship opportunities within your community, schools, and among eligible candidates. Encourage deserving individuals to apply for these scholarships. Click here for more information.
- **Donate**: Make financial contributions to the ALA's education programs. Donations help fund scholarships, educational materials, and events. Even a small donation can make a difference in supporting educational opportunities for veterans, their families, and young people.
- **Participate in Fundraisers**: Many American Legion Auxiliary units organize fundraising events to support their programs. Participate in these events or help organize them to raise funds specifically for education initiatives.
- **Advocate for Education**: Raise awareness about the importance of education programs for veterans, military families, and young people. Advocate for policies that support educational opportunities for these groups.
- **Mentorship**: Offer your expertise and mentorship to students or veterans seeking guidance in their educational pursuits. Sharing your knowledge and experiences can be incredibly valuable to those navigating their education journey.
- **Attend Workshops and Seminars**: American Legion Auxiliary units often organize workshops, seminars, and educational events. Attend these events to stay informed about the latest developments in education programs and to network with others who share similar interests.
- **Collaborate**: Partner with local schools, colleges, and educational institutions to create joint initiatives that support veterans, military families, and young people in their educational endeavors.
- **Share Resources**: If you come across resources, such as books, study materials, or online courses, that could benefit education programs, consider donating or sharing these resources with the American Legion Auxiliary.
- **Spread Awareness**: Use your social media platforms, community networks, and personal contacts to spread awareness about the American Legion Auxiliary's education programs. The more people know about these initiatives, the more support they can receive.
- **Collect**: Collect school supplies for American Legion Auxiliary Give 10 to Education. For more information click here.

Remember that every little bit of support can make a difference in promoting education for veterans, military families, and young individuals. By actively engaging with and supporting the American Legion Auxiliary's education programs, you contribute to the betterment of these communities and the advancement of education for all.

Be sure to invite local media to attend any events or submit your own story! A picture or an article in your local newspaper reminds your community that the American Legion Auxiliary continues to support education in our communities with pride.

2024-2025 National Education Program Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements

Share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission! Your story may inspire another member into service. It also helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Here are the National Awards for the Education Committee:

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Education Program (per division)

- All unit entries must be submitted by the department chair via electronic form by **June 1, 2025.**

Click here **for National Awards Form Link** (link will be updated when provided on www.legion-aux.org)

Department Award: Best Department Education Program (per division)

- All department entries must be submitted by the department chair via electronic form by **June 1, 2025.**

Click here **for Department Awards Form Link** (link will be updated when provided on www.legion-aux.org)

Please note – when applicable, unit and department deadlines differ.

Questions? Contact Education@ALAforVeterans.org

American Legion Auxiliary
Give 10 to Education
Suggested Donation Items and Tracking Sheet

Suggested Item	Quantity	Monetary Value
Books		
Backpack/Book bag		
Loose Paper		
Notebooks		
Folders		
3-Ring Binders		
Pencils		
Pens		
Erasers		
Highlighters		
Crayons		
Colored Pencils		
Markers		
Pencil Box/Pencil Case		
Scissors		
Glue/Glue Sticks		
Ruler		
Calculator		
Craft Supplies		
Kleenex/Paper Towels		
Hand Sanitizer		
Disinfecting Wipes/Baby Wipes		
Mentoring/Reading		
Donation to School		
Donation to Library		
Donation to Scholarship		
Clothing		
Patriotic Item		
Sports Equipment/Games		
Box Tops 4 Education		
Totals:		

Resources: (click on resource for hyperlink)

- My Auxiliary Member Portal Education Committee
- Box Tops for Education
- How to Organize a Veterans in Community Schools Event
- A Member's Role With National Scholarships
- The American Legion Scholarships page

Looking for ideas?

ALA Committee Facebook Groups are spaces on the social media network for ALA members to discuss or share about broad or narrow topics related to each committee. Groups provide an arena for organic discussion about your local programs or services and present the opportunity to cultivate brand awareness.

This is a place to share service activities and events, ask questions, obtain information, and network for those interested in the American Legion Auxiliary Education program.

Click here for American Legion Auxiliary Education Program Facebook page.