



Education

2011-2012 Plan of Action

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Pod: Family Support

PURPOSE: To promote quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

Department Level Objectives:

1. **Objective:** Focus attention on educational and scholarship opportunities for military children, whether their parent(s) are active duty or reserve.
Action Steps:
 - a. Give 10 to Education program: Units can contribute supplies to classrooms in their community. Priority can be given to schools on military bases, military schools or military Family Support Groups to provide Give 10 items to military families in your area.
 - b. Participate in the United Through Reading (www.Unitedthroughreading.org)
 - c. Seek out local opportunities for scholarships and share with the military members in your community.
 - d. Participate in American Education Week. This year's theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." The Dates are November 13-19, 2011.
2. **Objective:** Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at local schools.
 - a. Collaborate with Legionnaires in home Post in this effort to put Veterans in the classroom.
 - b. Provide information to classroom teachers to prepare classes on the challenges facing the military families (particularly the children).

Programs and Activities

1. **Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship** – The National Presidents' scholarships are awarded to children of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during the eligibility dates for The American Legion. The applicant must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years to be eligible for one of these scholarships.
2. **The Non-Traditional Student** – There will be five scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000, awarded in each administrative year. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division. Applicant must be a member of the 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 application is made.
3. **Spirit of Youth** – One Junior member in each division will receive a scholarship valued at \$1,000 per year for four years (total of \$4,000). The applicant must have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the immediate past three years, currently hold a membership card, and continue to maintain her membership throughout the four-year scholarship period.

Education Awards

1. **Most Outstanding American Education Week Program** – A citation will be presented to the Unit for the most outstanding American Education Week program. Award entry shall be in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. The cover page should have the name of the award entry, Unit name and name and address of the Unit Chairman. Entries must be mailed to Betty Stone, no later than January 31, 2012.
2. **Most Outstanding Literacy Program** – A citation will be presented to the dUnit for the most outstanding literacy program. Award entry shall be in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. The cover page should have the name of the award entry, the Unit name, and name and address of the Unit Chairman. Entries must be mailed to Betty Stone by March 31, 2012.
3. **Most Outstanding Veterans in the Classroom Program** – A citation will be presented to the Unit for the most outstanding Veteran in the Classroom Program. Award entry shall be in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. The cover page should have the name of the award entry, Unit name and name and address of the Unit Chairman. Entries must be mailed to Betty Stone by April 30, 2012.
4. **Most Outstanding Scholarship Program** – A Citation will be presented to the Unit for the most outstanding scholarship program. Award entry shall be in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. The cover page should have the name of the award entry, the Unit name, and name and address of the Unit Chairman.. Entries must be mailed to Betty Stone by March 31, 2012.
5. **Give 10 to Education** – Every Unit participating in the Give 10 to Education Program will be featured on the ALA website's Give 10 Honor Roll, a page dedicated to showcasing contributions to this program. Units will notify the Central Divisional Chairman, Katie Jo Baumgardner, 913-406-5880, e-mail: Katie_baumgardner@baylor.edu in writing and indicate what was accomplished under this program. This program will accept submissions at any time during the year, but no later than May, 2012.
6. **Honoring the Service of our Military** – A citation will be presented to one Unit for the most outstanding promotion of education for military children. Award entry shall be in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. It may include pictures and other forms of publicity. Each Unit shall submit a cover page to include the name of the award entry, Unit name, contact information, and name and address of the Unit chairman. Entries must be submitted to Betty Stone by April 30, 2012.

Resources:

1. Scholarship applications are available on the Auxiliary's website at www.alaforveterans.org.
2. Contact American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales online for pamphlets on Veterans and What is a Veteran for classrooms at www.emblem.legion.org
3. Educational resources are available at no cost by contacting the Americanism and Children & Youth Commission of the American Legion or visit their website at www.legion.org.
4. The American Legion's comprehensive national scholarship resource, *Need A Lift?* At <http://www.legion.org/mygibill/needalift>
5. See program page on www.ALAforVeterans.org for additional resources.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP
2011-2012**

Fifteen scholarships will be awarded for the 2011-2012 Auxiliary year. Three scholarships will be awarded in each Division of the American Legion Auxiliary: one in the amount of \$2,500, one in the amount of \$2,000 and one in the amount of \$1,500. All are gift scholarships and not loans.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall be daughters, stepdaughters, sons, stepsons, grandsons, step-grandsons, granddaughters, step-granddaughters, great-granddaughters, step-great-granddaughters, great-grandsons, step-great-grandsons of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion.
 - a. April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918 (WWI)
 - b. December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946 (WWII)
 - c. June 25, 1950 through January 31, 1955 (Korea)
 - d. February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 (Vietnam)
 - e. August 24, 1982 through July 31, 1984 (Grenada and Lebanon)
 - f. December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990 (Panama)
 - g. August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities (Persian Gulf to present)
2. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
3. Previous National Presidents' Scholarship recipients are not eligible for further consideration.
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all Units and Departments.
5. No Unit may enter more than one candidate in the Department competition. Each Department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the Divisional competition.
6. The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters, or the scholarship will be forfeited.
7. Applicant must complete 50 hours of volunteer service within the community, verified in writing by the recipient organization(s).
8. Applicants must present the completed application to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2012.**



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP
FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS
2011-2012**

Five scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded in the 2011-2012 Auxiliary year. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in each Division of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships and do not have to be repaid.

RULES

1. 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 application is made.
2. Applicant must be:
 - a. non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which his/her formal education was interrupted
 - b. a non-traditional student who is just beginning his/her education at a later point in life
3. American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship recipients are not eligible.
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all Units and Departments.
5. No Unit may enter more than one candidate in the Department competition. Each Department is restricted to submitting one candidate to the Divisional competition.
6. The scholarship must be used within 24 months of the date the winner is notified by American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters.
7. Applicant must present the completed application to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President **on or before March 1, 2012.**
8. The winning entry for each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President and mailed to the Department Secretary to be received **on or before March 15, 2012.**
9. The winning entry for each Department shall be certified by the Department President and Department Secretary or Education Chairman and mailed to the respective Division Education Chairman to be received **on or before April 1, 2012.**
10. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the school upon receipt of certification of enrollment from the school. No payment will be made directly to the student.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS
2011-2012**

Five four-year scholarships will be awarded for the 2011-2012 Auxiliary year. One four-year scholarship will be awarded in each Division of the American Legion Auxiliary. All are gift scholarships and are not loans.

RULES

1. Candidates for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary; said member to have held Junior membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three years and must hold a membership card for the current (2012) year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the four-year-scholarship period.
2. Applicants must be in their senior year of an accredited high school.
3. This is a four-year scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education. Applicants must be of good character and have grades which meet entrance requirements at the institution of their choice. Applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 base.
4. Participation in this scholarship program shall be on a voluntary basis in all Units and Departments.
5. No Unit may enter more than one applicant in the Department competition. Each Department is restricted to submitting one applicant to the Divisional competition.
6. Applicant must present the completed application packet to the Unit President **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2012.**
7. The winning entry for each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President and mailed to the Department Secretary to be received **ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2012.**
8. The winning entry for each Department shall be certified by the Department President and Department Secretary or Department Education Chairman and mailed to the respective Division Education Chairman to be received **ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2012.**
9. Use of the scholarship must begin **within 24 months of the date the winner receives notification by National Headquarters.** Additionally, National Headquarters must receive certification from the college of the winner's enrollment within 12 months of notification.