2019-2020 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

EDUCATION

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The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion, and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

What can you do?

Veterans in Community Schools

➤ Contact a veteran willing to share his/her experience in a classroom or event
➤ Contact your local teachers or principals to see if they would be interested in hosting a veteran at their event
➤ Be willing to provide transportation for the veteran and promote the event
➤ Go to www.alaforveterans.org and print “How to organize a veteran in community schools event”

Scholarships/Awards

➤ Contact the person at your local high school who handles scholarship opportunities
  Provide them with copies of the Unit, Department, and National applications.
➤ Volunteer to be on the scholarship selection committee
➤ Go to www.alaforveterans.org and print “how to create a unit scholarship fund”

➤ National Scholarships are available online at www.alaforveterans.org
  Spirit of Youth for Junior Members
  Children of Warriors National Presidents
  Junior member Loyalty
  Non-Traditional Student

➤ Department Awards are available online at www.legionnh.org
  Past Presidents Parley
  Elsie Brown
  Marion J. Bagley
  Grace S. High Memorial Child Welfare
  Adrienne Alix
GIVE 10 TO EDUCATION

➢ Participate in education by purchasing school supplies to distribute to schools, such as back packs, pens, pencils, paper, and etc.
➢ Place a poster with a collection box at a local store or bank asking for donations
➢ Promote Teacher Appreciation Week, first full week of May, send cards and donate resources that teachers or needy children may need
➢ Promote American Education Week, celebrated the week prior to Thanksgiving, by sending cards to all school personnel with whom children interact (bus drivers, custodians, teachers, guidance, nurse, and etc.

Veterans Pursuing Vocational and Higher Education

➢ Contact a campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community to see what kind of help they might need.
➢ Sign up to receive the American Legion’s Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill

Military Children

➢ Encourage junior members to contact their school guidance counselor and volunteer to be a mentor to a new military children at their school
➢ Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship
➢ Provide your local school with a copy of the Educators Guide to the Military Child During Deployment; www.ed.gov

EDUCATION REPORTING

Mid-Year Reports are due to department chairman by December 20, 2019

Year-End Reports are due to department chairman by May 1, 2020

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Rosalyn Bresnahan Award
To the unit in District 2 submitting the best report on the Education Program based on distribution of Scholarship applications, “Need A Lift” and “Guide for Parents and Students” contributions to existing scholarships funds or the establishing of a scholarship fund and participation of the members in American Education Week.

Buelah Tasker
To the unit in District 5 submitting the best Education report

Perry Education Trophy
To the unit in department submitting the best Education report
NATIONAL AWARDS:
UNIT AWARD – Most outstanding Unit Education Program (per division)
    Deadline: June 1, 2020
    Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 pm EST by
deadline.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:
1. Free online tutoring for military children: www.tutor.com/military
2. Student Veterans of America: www.studentveterans.org
3. Your National Education Committee members education@ALAforsVeterans.org
4. American Legion Auxiliary Department of NH www.legionnh.org
5. National American Legion Auxiliary www.ALAforVeterans.org