



Department of Minnesota
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The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, with special emphasis on children of veterans and service members.

There are many ways that we can support the children of our Veterans.

Let's start with American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships.

National Scholarships snapshot: www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships for applications.

All American Legion Auxiliary scholarships should be submitted by March 1st to a local American Legion Auxiliary Unit, the application must be signed by the Unit President.

1. Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members

- a. One (1) Junior member in each of the five (5) divisions will receive \$5,000 scholarship.
- b. Applicant must have been a Junior member for the past three (3) years and hold a current membership card and must continue their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during scholarship period.
- c. Must be in their senior year of high school. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education. They must be of good character and have grades that meet the entrance requirements at the institution of their choice and must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 scale.
- d. Application must be received by the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President on or before March 1st, 2025.
- e. The Decision of the Judges Shall Be Final.

2. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

- a. One (1) scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded in each of the five (5) divisions.
- b. Applicants must be:
 - i. A current member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion, must have held membership for two (2) preceding years and for the current (2025) membership year.
 - ii. A Non-Traditional student returning to the classroom after some period in which their formal education was interrupted, or a student beginning their education at a later point in life.
- c. American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship recipients are not eligible.
- d. Application must be received by the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President on or before March 1st, 2025.
- e. The Decision of the Judges Shall Be Final.

3. Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

- a. Two (2) scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded in each of the five (5) divisions.
- b. Candidates for this award shall have been a Junior member and held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three (3) consecutive years (2022, 2023 and 2024) and be a paid member for the current year (2025). They must continue their membership during the scholarship period.
- c. This scholarship is intended for the traditional college student with no interruption in education, who is at least in the first semester of college or technical school but has not yet attained a bachelor's degree.
- d. This is a scholarship to attend an accredited institution of higher education for the completion of a bachelor's degree. Applicants must have completed at least one semester with the grades that meet continuation requirements at the institution of their choice and must have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 scale.
- e. Previous American Legion Auxiliary national scholarship recipients are welcome to apply.
- f. Applicants must present the completed application, along with the other required material.
- g. Application must be received by the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President on or before March 1st, 2025.
- h. The Decision of the Judges Shall Be Final.

4. Department of Minnesota Scholarship

- a. Awarded to deserving sons or daughters, grandsons or granddaughters of a veteran who need financial assistance.
- b. Applicant must resident in the State of Minnesota or a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Legion or Sons of the American Legion.
- c. A high school senior/graduate or college student/graduate, seeking further education with a scholastic record and average of least a "C."
- d. Applications can be found on <http://www.mnala.org/scholarships>.
- e. Application must be received by the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President on or before March 1st, 2025.
- f. The Decision of the Judges Shall Be Final.
- g. This scholarship is totally funded by the Department of Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary.

5. Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship

- a. Awarded to the children of veterans who served in the armed forces during eligibility dates for the American Legion.
- b. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school.
- c. Three (3) scholarships of \$5,000 will be awarded in each division.
- d. Applicants must complete 50 hours of community service.
- e. Application is due by March 1st, 2025, to national via online submission. You can print forms and rules at www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/children-of-warriors.com. National office will forward applications to departments.
- f. The decision of Judges shall be final.

6. Department of Minnesota Past Presidents Parley Health Care Scholarship

- a. The Past Presidents Parley Health Care Scholarship has been established to assist needy and deserving students or adults to commence or further their education in any phase of the health care field.
- b. One year \$1,000 scholarship
- c. Applicant must be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for a minimum of three (3) years and maintain a "C" or better average in school if a student.
- d. Applications must be signed by the Unit President of which you are a member due to Unit President by March 1st, 2025.
- ❖ Unit Must sign all applications. This signature should be done after the applicant has completed the application. It is up to the Unit to verify that all rules have been followed and all requirements are in place.
- ❖ Units are in control of their own scholarships; it is important to publicize your scholarships.
- ❖ More scholarship information can be found on the following websites along with all the instructions that need to be followed.

www.mnala.org/schlarships **www.alaforveterans.org/scholarship**

Veterans in Community Schools is an activity endorsed by The American Legion that brings history to life by connecting military veterans with students in classrooms or at school assemblies in conjunction with history lessons about World War II, The Korean War, The Vietnam War or Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom. The ever-decreasing numbers of healthy veterans from World War II points to the fleeting nature of the opportunity to pass on these important lessons.

Give 10 to Education

This is an easy program and really a lot of fun, so it's my hope that all Units will take part in it. In your mailing you will receive a list of items that the schools/teachers would appreciate for their classrooms. All your Unit has to do is collect 10 items of the same thing, so if you spread out the list, each person could pick up those items or work in teams, then it's not so expensive for one person. Perhaps you have a member who is very creative/crafty who would be willing to make a display for your Post members to join in. (Idea: Get a tree branch and decorate with fall leaves or apples (both paper) and hang from the branches with items from the list you received- with a poster/signage that reads "10 to Education"



American Legion Auxiliary

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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:		