



American Legion Auxiliary

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EDUCATION

November – December 2019

Remember, November 18-22 is American Education Week!

It is time to focus on Scholarships!

Department of Minnesota Scholarships (www.mnala.org/scholarships)

- Department of Minnesota Scholarship application instructions and application form and Checklist for Units.
- Department of Minnesota Past Presidents Parley Health Care Scholarship materials (You will find this information at the above link).

National Scholarships (www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships)

- Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship application materials, and Checklist for Units.
- The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship application materials, and Checklist for Units.
- Spirit of Youth Scholarship application materials and Checklist for Units.
- Junior Auxiliary Loyalty Scholarship application materials and Checklist for Units.

Please share this information with your high schools. Also, be sure to remind them that the rules must be followed so that deserving applicants are not disqualified. It is the duty of each Unit to read all instructions and follow the checklists.

A note about the Department of Minnesota Auxiliary Scholarship:

Each year, the Department of Minnesota Auxiliary can award up to eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships. If the money isn't available to do so, then we have to reduce the number of scholarships awarded. I am encouraging units to please give generously to the Department Scholarship Fund. You will see it listed on the Donations sheet that you should have received in the previous Unit Mailing. It is also available on the website for download. **Gambling funds CAN also be used toward this fund.**

Units, please start working now on your **Mid-Year Reports, due to me by December 1, 2019**. Write a paragraph or two about what you have been doing in the Education program and email or mail them to me by the December 1st deadline. These reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. I will then compile and send the reports on to the Northwestern Division Education Chairman, Jean Walker. After that, they are sent on to the National Education Chairman.

Reach out to your District Chairmen, or to me, at any time you may have questions. We are all here to help you.

NEW! Department of Minnesota EDUCATION CONTEST

To change things up a little this year, I received approval to run a Department EDUCATION CONTEST.

Outstanding Effort in the Education Program of the American Legion Auxiliary

I will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes (\$50, \$35, and \$15) for demonstrating that your unit has participated in all five of the following facets of the Education program:

- 1) Participated in "Veterans in Community Schools."
- 2) Promoted ALA Scholarships at your local schools.
- 3) Participation in the "Give 10 to Education" program.
- 4) Did something for "American Education Week (Nov. 18-22)."
- 5) Did something for "Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8)."

To qualify for entry into this contest, send a report, including a written narrative of your efforts – providing photos and supporting documents (flyers, posters, letters, newspaper articles) to me by **May 15, 2020**. Winning units will receive a printed certificate and cash prizes as indicated above. Presentation of these awards will be made at the Department Convention in July.

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