

Education Program
2021-2022 Plan of Action
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Michigan

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What is this program, and why do we have it?

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 a special emphasis on children of veterans and service members

SECTION I – School & Community Programs

REPORTING

1. Mid-Year Report. Due December 17, 2021- the form is included at the end of this section. Please mail directly to Carol Burke, 1304 Collegewood, Ypsilanti MI 48197 or email to ck323@msn.com

2. Unit Year-End Report. Due March 31, 2022 your District Education Chairperson. District year-end report is due to Department Chairperson, Carol Burke, 1304 Collegewood Ypsilanti MI 48197 or ck323@msn.com by April 15, 2022. Include narratives and award submissions with this report. Each Unit and District should file and complete the form supplied by Department. This is your opportunity to submit a narrative and photos sharing what your Unit did to support education.

OVER-ALL EDUCATION AWARD

Most Outstanding Unit Education Program:

The entry must be typewritten in a narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words, describing specific examples of how your Unit worked the Education Program. Be certain to include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.

ACTIVITIES

Veterans in Community Schools.

Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools.

Awards- Most Outstanding Veterans in Community Schools Program

Presented to a Unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding Veterans in Community Schools Program.

The entry must be typewritten in a narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words
Be certain to include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.

Give Ten to Education

- Participate in the Give 10 to Education Program by purchasing items to distribute to schools. List of suggested items and tracking form is enclosed.
- Place a poster with a collection box at local sites (i.e., grocery stores, banks, senior centers, post office), and invite residents to donate.
- School supplies are needed all year long, not only in the Fall
- Save Box Tops for Education and send them to local schools. Most schools participate in this program.

AWARDS- Give 10 to Education

Each Unit/ Member will receive a citation for their participation.

District Education Chairmen- please be certain to enclose a listing of the Units/Individual Members which participated, with your year-end report.

Box Tops for Education

No more cutting, just scan your receipt

- If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and send it to school, making sure it has a valid expiration date.
- If your package has a new Scan label, there's no need to clip; just use the NEW Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.
- Additional details @ <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

American Education Week, - November 15-19,2021

- Send a card to all local school staff thanking them for the work they do. Include all school personnel with whom children interact (i.e., bus drivers, custodians, etc.).
- A sample card may be found on the Education page of the Members Only section at www.ALAforVeterans.org.
- Additional information can be found @ <http://www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm>

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 2-6, 2022

- Send cards to your local school's teachers
- Donate resources that teachers or that needy children may need.
- For additional ideas visit <https://www.nea.org/grants/teacherday.html>

Read Across America Day- March 2, 2022

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."

- To learn more about or plan a reading event - <https://www.readacrossamerica.org/about-read-across-america/>

Support military children with educational opportunities

- Military Child Education Collation: MCEC supports all military-connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve education challenges associated with the military lifestyle. <https://www.militarychild.org/>
- Provide your local school with a copy of the Educator's Guide to the Military Child During Deployment: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/homefront/home
- Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children: <https://military.tutor.com/home>
- Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship. See Section II of this guide, Scholarships for additional information.

Awards- Honoring the Service of Our Military

Presented to a unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding promotion of education for military children.

The entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words.

Be certain to include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc.

Support veterans seeking additional education

- Sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.
- Collaborate with a campus student veterans' group at colleges and universities in your community.
- Arrange for your post home to be available for off-campus events/chapter meetings.
- Provide information/handouts to members on organizing and delivering presentations on career and life skills topics to student veterans.

Give Ten to Education Suggested Donation List

School supplies are needed year-around. It makes sense to donate supplies at the beginning of the school year but supplies also need to be replenished throughout the school year. Therefore, a school supply drive at any time of year, is a good idea

Suggested items by grade are listed below.

KIDERGARTEN

Glue Sticks Facial
Tissue Pencils, #2
Markers Scissors
Dry Erase Markers
Erasers
Glue Bottles Comp
Notebook Binder
Watercolor paints
Disinfecting Wipes

FIRST & SECOND GRADES

Pocket Folders Crayons
Pencils #2
Re-closable Storage
Bags Glue Sticks
Facial Tissues Scissors
Erasers
Dry Erase Markers
Markers
Comp Notebook
Spiral Notebook, Wide
Ruler
Disinfecting Wipes
Glue Bottle Colored
Pencils Hand Sanitizer
Binder
Highlighters Filler
Paper Cap Erasers
Sticky Notes Ruler
Construction Paper

THIRD & FOURTH GRADES

Pocket Folders Pencils, #2 Facial Tissues Glue
Sticks
Spiral Notebooks Scissors
Crayons
Filler Paper
Re-closable Storage Bags
Dry Erase Markers
Composition Notebook
Colored Pencils
Highlighters &Markers
Eraser
Binder
Pens
Disinfecting Wipes
Ruler
Hand Sanitizer
Glue Bottle
Sticky Notes
Cap Erasers
Index Cards
Pencil Sharpener
Printer Paper
Permanent Markers
Dividers

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADES

In addition to the items listed for Third and Fourth
grades:
Calculators
Graph Paper
Tab Indexed Divider

2021-2022 Give 10 to Education Tracking Sheet (for unit record keeping)

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

How to Organize a Veterans in Community Schools Event

Contact Information for Questions: education@ALAforVeterans.org

Background Information on *Veterans in Community Schools*:

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.

Veterans are important pieces of American history. The American Legion Family believes accounts of their experiences while in uniform and as a result of their military service should be preserved and shared with others. Veterans have witnessed monumental events in history. They can help students learn from and appreciate the sacrifices individuals and their families have made.

In addition to sharing their experiences, veterans may also discuss a wide range of topics including how to help a family who has a deployed military service member, how to show support for the troops, proper respect for the flag, or why The American Legion Family was formed and what it stands for. Also, veterans' sharing of their military experience with an appreciative audience can help them heal psychological wounds from combat, deployment or family separation. Veterans who have spoken to students generally describe the experience as a rewarding and personally satisfying experience.

Steps for Organizing a Veterans in Community Schools Activity: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/education/how-to-organize-a-veterans-in-community-school-e>

Resources:

- **America's Veterans Teacher Guide**, *The American Legion*
<http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/veterans.pdf>
- **Promoting Historic Preservation in Community Schools**, *The History Channel*
http://www.history.com/images/media/interactives/promote_historic_preservation.pdf
- **Our Veterans: Sharing Their Stories**, *The History Channel*
<http://www.history.com/images/media/pdf/OurVeteransOurStories.pdf>
- **Veterans History Project**, *U.S. Library of Congress*
<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

Unit/District Education Program Mid-Year Report

Please complete the following information and submit it by December 17, 2021.

Completed

by: _____ Ph/email: _____ Unit/Dist# _____

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- 1) Did your Unit participate /planning to participate in Give 10 to Education?
If so approximate # of items donated

- 2) Did your Unit participate /planning to participate Veterans in Community Schools programs?
If so, please briefly share a few details of how it was received by the students and the veteran presenter

- 3) How is your Unit assisting with educational needs of veterans and military families?
Please describe your activities.

- 4) How did you support American Education Week?

- 5) Are you planning any events/activities for either Teacher Appreciation Week, or Read Across America Day?

- 6) Does your Unit sponsor a scholarship?
If yes, is this the first year?

Thank You for taking a few minutes to complete this. Please submit this form by mail or email to:

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SECTION II SCHOLARSHIPS

GETTING THE WORD OUT: Unless we inform guidance counselors, students, parents, and members of the availability of our scholarships, few know to apply.

- Contact your local school district high school guidance counselor's office announcing the availability of these scholarships. Attach copies of the applications or share the link.
<http://michalaux.org/scholarships/>.
- Ensure that all your Post American Legion Family Members are aware of the Department and National Scholarships as well as any Unit scholarship.
- Double and triple check deadlines, where to send and that the application is complete. **Incomplete application and missed deadlines will result in disqualification.**

ALA National Scholarships

- Scholarship applications are available for download on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships or <http://michalaux.org/scholarships/>
- Application deadline is **March 1, 2022**, to a local American Legion Auxiliary unit
- The Unit must select the applicant which they wish to sponsor, and complete/mail the Sponsor Form and the application, to be received on or by **March 15, 2022:**
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1) Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

- Awarded to children of veterans who served in the armed forces during the eligibility dates for The American Legion.
- Three \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded in each division.
- Fifteen outstanding students will be awarded a total of \$75,000 to further their higher education.
- The applicant must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years to be eligible for one of these scholarships. **See the rules sheet in the Application packet.**

2 National-The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

- One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division.
- 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 the application is made. **See the rules sheet in the Application packet.**

3 National-Spirit of Youth Scholarship

- One Junior member in each division will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.
- Applicant must have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the immediate past three years, hold a current membership card and continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the four-year scholarship period. **See the rules sheet in the Application packet.**

4 Junior Loyalty Scholarship

- Two Juniors will be awarded in each division will receive \$2500 scholarship
- Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years and must be a paid member for the current membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.
- This scholarship is intended for the traditional student with no interruption in her education, who is at least in her first semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree. **See the rules sheet in the Application packet.**

Department of Michigan Scholarships

Scholarship applications are available for download on Department website:

<http://michalaux.org/scholarships/>

Memorial Fund Scholarship

- Female descendants of veterans whose service date meet Legion eligibility dates.
- Must be a Michigan resident and attend a Michigan school.
- Applicants are judged according to financial need and scholastic standing.
- Multiple \$500 grants are given each year.
- The Scholarship grant is for one year, but winners may reapply for one additional year,
- **See the rules sheet in the Application packet.**
- Application must be received on or before March 15,2022. Applicant should mail/email directly to Department. (Address below)

Michigan Non-Traditional Student

This scholarship was given by Allen Park Auxiliary Unit 409 as a memorial to Aletha (Lee) Harvey (deceased) Unit Education Chairman from 1977 to 1998 and other deceased members of Unit 409.

- Applicant must be a descendant of a veteran
- Must be over the age of 22 and attending school for the first time.or a student who returning to school after a period in which his/her education was interrupted
- Must be a Michigan school/vocational school.
- **See the rule sheet in Application packet**
- Two-year scholarship in the amount of \$500/year
- Only one candidate per Unit
- Unit must complete the sponsoring Unit section of the application which must be received on or by **March 15, 2022, at the Department office.** The Unit mails/emails to Department (address below)

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Other Scholarships

Medical Career Scholarship

See the Past President Parley Plan of Action

Samsung American Legion Scholarship

Awarded to Girl State delegates. See Girl State Action Plan for rules and deadlines.

James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship

Each medical center may nominate one VAVS student volunteer for receipt of the award. Recommendations may be made by any VA staff member who acts as a supervisor of the student volunteer or member of the local VAVS Committee. This recommendation should be discussed with the Chief, Voluntary Service, before submission to the Medical Center Director.

To be eligible, candidates must have completed 100 hours of regularly scheduled VAVS volunteer service during the calendar year prior to September 1; be a student in the 10 th grade or above; and have not reached their 19th birthday

<https://www.volunteer.va.gov/ParkeScholarship.asp>

THE AMERICAN LEGION

National: <https://www.legion.org/scholarships>

Department: <https://michiganlegion.org/scholarships/>

UNIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Many Units offer scholarships. If this is something your Unit has been considering, please review

How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund

<https://www.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Education/How-to-Create-a-Unit-Scholarship-Fund>