

Department of Michigan

2025 Education Program 2026

Purpose:

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.

Key Program Statements:

- To promote quality education for all children, especially for military children, and adults.
- To encourage schools to invite veterans to speak in their classrooms
- To provide scholarships for students who desire a college education
- To support legislation that establishes new scholarship opportunities
- To support the Education program and scholarship opportunities of The American Legion

School & Community Programs

Members/Units get involved with your local schools, whether they are public, charter, parochial or even online. "It takes a village" to raise a child. Most teachers could use a helping hand. Check if there are teacher "wish lists." Consider donating books to school and public libraries. Find a vet who would like to share their knowledge with schoolchildren.

Other Ways to be part of the Education Program

- Share our Scholarship opportunities wherever you can.
- Veterans in Community Schools

An American Legion Family program that brings history to life as local veterans tell students about their experiences in the military. They may also share how to help a family of a deployed military service member, how to support the troops, proper respect for the flag, why the American Legion was formed, etc. Steps for organizing a Veterans in Community Schools activity visit: legion-aux.org/veterans-in-community-schools.

Give 10 To Education

- Participate in the Give 10 to Education Program by purchasing items to distribute to schools.
- Place a poster with a collection box at local sites (i.e., grocery stores, banks, senior centers, post office or even your Post Home). Invite all to donate & thank them for their donations.
- School supplies are needed all year long, not only in the Fall.

Save Box Tops for Education

- If your package has a traditional Box Top, clip it off and send it/deliver it to a school- make sure it has a valid expiration date.
- If your package has the new Scan label, just use the New Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products instantly & add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Additional details @ <https://www.boxtops4education.com>

Scholarships (Department of Michigan)

The Michigan Department Scholarships information and applications are found at <https://michalaux.org/scholarships>

- 2026 Medical Career Scholarship
- 2026 Michigan Memorial Scholarship
- 2026 Michigan Betty Cline Scholarship
- 2026 Michigan Non-Traditional Student

The American Legion Department of Michigan Scholarship information and applications are found at <https://michiganlegion.org/scholarships/>

- Oratorical Contest Scholarships
- The Michigan American Legion Skilled Trades Scholarship
- William D. & Jewell Brewer Scholarship
- Guy M. Wilson Scholarship
- Samsung Boys/Girls State Scholarship
- American Legion Baseball Scholarships.
- Student Trooper/Youth Cadet Law Enforcement
- Eagle Scout Scholarship

Scholarship (Available National organization)

1. Children of Warriors National President Scholarship
2. Spirit of Youth Scholarship
3. Non - Traditional Scholarship
4. Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship

<https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/children-of-warriors>

<https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/non-traditional-student>

<https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/spirit-of-youth>

<https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/junior-member-loyalty>

<https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/samsung-american-legion>

Important Dates

- **American Education Week-November 17-21, 2025.**
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, counselors, etc.). See <https://nationaltoday.com/american-education-week>. Each year, American Education Week (AEW) is celebrated during the last full week before Thanksgiving. This year, AEW will be celebrated from November 17-21. Sponsored by the National Education Association, the theme for this year's celebration is Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.
- **Read Across America Day- Monday, March 6, 2026.**
The National Education Association encourages an annual reading motivation and awareness program for every child in every community. See <https://nationaltoday.com/national-read-across-america-day>
- **Purple Up Day April 15, 2026**
Purple Up Day is observed every year on April 15. The holiday was selected during the Month of the Military Child. It is an opportunity to honor military children from all branches of the military. Military children across the country play a significant role in their schools, youth organizations, and communities. www.purpleupusa.org
- **Teacher Appreciation Week-May 6-10, 2026.**
Send cards to your local school's teachers. Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need. See <https://nationaltoday.com/teacher.appreciation-day>

Education Program Reporting

Year-End Reports Units-please submit Reports and Award entries to your District Education Chair and/or District Presidents by their deadline. Districts-Education Chair and/or District Presidents, please submit your Districts' combined Unit Reports and Award entries to the Department Education Chair by April 15, 2026

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