



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Ohio

2011-2012
EDUCATION
PLAN OF ACTION

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Welcome to an exciting new year of Auxiliary programs! Thank you for volunteering to serve as Education Chairman for your Unit. This Education Plan of Action outlines the objectives with suggested action steps, descriptions of National Scholarships, Department Scholarships, as well as Additional Education Awards. Also listed at the back of this plan are websites for scholarship applications with detailed instructions and other useful education resources.

The American Legion Auxiliary believes education is a vital tool to achieve democracy. We should also focus on supporting military children, through scholarship opportunities as well as educating administrators on the particular challenges military families face. We highly encourage publicizing the availability of our scholarship programs in your community schools.

I look forward to working with you this year! Read your Plan of Action thoroughly and follow the objectives and steps; go to the websites for the application forms and rules; feel free to call or email me if you have any questions. I know you will have a successful Education Program for your Unit because you are a Shining Star!

Program Purpose: To promote quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

OBJECTIVES

1. **OBJECTIVE:** Focus attention on educational and scholarship opportunities for military children, whether their parent(s) are active duty or reserve.

Action Steps

- a. Give 10 to Education program: Units can contribute supplies to classrooms in their community. Priority can be given to schools on military bases, military schools, or military Family Support Groups to provide Give 10 items to military families in your area.
- b. Participate in the United Through Reading (www.Unitedthroughreaing.org)
- c. Seek out local opportunities for scholarships and share with the military members in your community.
- d. Participate in American Education Week. This year's theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." The dates are November 13-19, 2011.

2. **OBJECTIVE:** Educate school administrators about the unique mental health issues facing children of our military.

Action Steps

- a. Distribute ALA KIDDS flyer (available at www.alaforveterans.org) at education conferences and offer to connect teacher/administrators with mental health resources where they can refer military children.

3. **OBJECTIVE:** Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among school children by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs at your local school.

Action Steps

- a. Collaborate with your American Legion counterparts in this effort.
- b. Provide information about the challenges faced by military families (particularly the children) to teachers so they can prepare classes for this topic.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship - The National President's scholarships are awarded to children of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during the eligibility dates for The American Legion. One \$2,500 scholarship, one \$2,000 scholarship, and one \$1,500 in scholarship money will be awarded in each division. Fifteen outstanding students will be awarded a total of \$30,000 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.
2. The Non-Traditional Student - There will be five scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000 awarded in the each administrative year. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in each division of the American Legion Auxiliary. Applicant must be a member of The 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 application is made.
3. Spirit of Youth - One Junior member in each division will receive a scholarship valued at \$1,000 per year for four years (total \$4,000). The applicant must have held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the immediate past three years, currently hold a membership card, and continue to maintain her membership throughout the four-year scholarship period.

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Department President's Scholarship – The American Legion Auxiliary of Ohio awards one scholarship of \$1,500 and one scholarship of \$1,000 annually for a student preparing to enter his or her freshman year of college. The applicant must be a veteran or a direct descendent of an honorably discharged veteran.
2. Continuing Education Grant – The Department of Ohio has established a fund to help meet the needs of upperclassmen. Fifteen \$200 grants are distributed on the basis of need and as the applications a received throughout the year until the funds are depleted.
3. Past President's Parley – Nurse's Scholarship – The American Legion Department of Ohio, Past Presidents Parley has created this program to assist student pursuing a degree in the nursing field. The applicant must be a veteran or a direct descendent of an honorably discharged veteran.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

1. The SAMSUNG Scholarship is available to direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans who are also participants in the Buckeye Girls State program.
2. The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Awards are available to Boy Scouts who have achieved their Eagle Scout Award. The National winner receives a \$10,000 scholarship and the three runners-up each are awarded \$2,500 scholarships.
3. National Constitutional Speech Scholarships are available to finalists in the American Legion National Constitutional Speech Contest. Awards range from \$18,000 first place to \$1,500 for participating in the first round of the National contest.
4. American Legion Baseball Scholarships are available to participants in the baseball program.
5. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship is available to children of active duty U.S. military, Guard, and Reserve personnel who were federalized and died on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

AWARDS

DEPARTMENT

1. Agnes Merritt Plaque – This plaque will be presented to the Unit Education Chairman with the Most Outstanding Overall Education Program. Award entry must be double-spaced in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. The cover page must have the name of the award entry, Department name, Unit name and number, and name and address of the Unit Chairman. A copy of the Unit's annual (green) report form must accompany the narrative. Do not include pictures, clippings, etc. Entry must be submitted by May 1, 2012 to Department Education Chairman Ruth Brinkel, 853 Heather Court, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.
2. Betty Robaszkiewicz Plaque – This plaque will be presented to the Unit contributing the largest monetary donation to the Department of Ohio Education Fund. Donations must be submitted to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760, earmarked Education Fund.

NATIONAL

1. Most Outstanding American Education Week Program – A citation plaque will be presented to the Unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding American Education Week program. Award entry must be double-spaced in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. The cover page must have the name of the award entry, Department name, Unit name, and name and address of the Unit Chairman. A copy of the Unit's annual (green) report form must accompany narrative. Do not include any pictures, clippings, etc. Entries must be submitted by May 1, 2012 to Department Education Chairman Ruth Brinkel, 853 Heather Court, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.

2. Most Outstanding Literacy Program – A citation plaque will be presented to the Unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding literacy program. Award entry must be double-spaced in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. The cover page must have the name of the award entry, Department name, Unit name, and name and address of the Unit Chairman. A copy of the Unit’s annual (green) report form must accompany the narrative. Do not include pictures, clippings, etc. Entries must be submitted by May 1, 2012 to Department Education Chairman Ruth Brinkel, 853 Heather Court, Vandalia, Ohio 45377
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4. Most Outstanding Veterans in the Classroom Program – A citation plaque will be presented to the Unit Education Chairman for the most outstanding Veterans in the Classroom Program. Award entry must be double-spaced in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. The cover page must have the name of the award entry, Department name, Unit name, and name and address of the Unit Chairman. A copy of the Unit’s annual (green) report form must accompany the narrative. Do not include pictures, clippings, etc. Entries must be submitted by May 1, 2012 to Department Education Chairman Ruth Brinkel, 853 Heather Court, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.
5. Give 10 to Education – Every Unit participating in the Give 10 to Education Program will be featured on the ALA website’s Give 10 Honor Roll, a page dedicated to showcasing contributions to this program. Unit entries must be submitted in writing to indicate what was accomplished under this program by May 1, 2012 to Department Education Chairman Ruth Brinkel, 853 Heather Court, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.
6. Honoring the Service of our Military – A citation will be presented to one Unit in each Division for the most outstanding promotion of education for military children. Award entry shall be in narrative form and must not exceed 1,000 words. It may include pictures and other forms of publicity. Each Unit shall submit a cover page to include the name of the award entry, Department name, Unit name, contact information, and name/address of Unit chairman. A copy of the Unit’s annual (green) report form must accompany the narrative. Entries must be submitted by May 1, 2012 to Department Education Chairman Ruth Brinkel, 853 Heather Court, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.

RESOURCES

- All National Auxiliary Scholarship applications are available at www.ALAforVeterans.org.
- Contact American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales online for educational products at www.emblem.legion.org/

- Educational resources are available at no cost by contacting the Americanism and Children & Youth Commission of the American Legion or visiting their website at www.legion.org/
- The American Legion's comprehensive national scholarship resource, *Need A Lift?* Is available at <http://www.legion.org/mygibill/needalift>.
- Additional resources can be found on the program page of www.alaforveterans.org.
- For any questions, clarifications, etc. contact your Department Education Chairman, Ruth Brinkel, via email at ruth_brinkel@yahoo.com or by phone (937) 626-7468.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

2011-12 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

The American Legion Auxiliary of Ohio awards one scholarship of \$1,500 annually. This is a gift scholarship—not a loan. The amount is sent in payments directly to the college of the winner's choice. One scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to the second place scholarship applicant. The amount to be paid as requested by the school. Order additional applications from: American Legion Auxiliary, Scholarship Coordinator, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760.

1. The applicant must be an honorably discharged veteran or a son or daughter (adopted, step, grand, or great-grand) of a living, deceased, or disabled honorably discharged veteran who served during these active war dates:
 - ◆ WORLD WAR I - April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
 - ◆ WORLD WAR II - December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
 - ◆ KOREAN WAR - June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
 - ◆ VIETNAM WAR - February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
 - ◆ LEBANON/GRENADA - August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
 - ◆ PANAMA - December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
 - ◆ DESERT STORM - August 2, 1990 to cessation
2. Attach to this application a **photocopy** of the veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (i.e.: Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty during the eligibility period(s) indicated above.
3. The applicant must be a resident of Ohio.
4. The applicant must be sponsored by an Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
5. The applicant must be preparing to enter his/her freshman year of college.
6. The completed application must be returned to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit by March 1, 2012.
7. The winner shall be selected based on the following criteria: 1—Americanism, 2—Character, 3—Financial Need, 4—Leadership, and 5—Scholarship.
8. The following items must accompany this application:
 - A) Three letters of recommendation from:
 - 1) A member of the clergy or a representative to attest to devotional beliefs.
 - 2) A faculty member from the High School attended by the applicant.
 - 3) A representative of the community.
 - B) An original essay of not more than 500 words entitled "*Education and the American Dream*". All words and symbols count.
 - C) A transcript of High School grades.
9. The applicant must sign and date the application.
10. An officer of the sponsoring Unit must sign this application. A Unit may sponsor only one candidate per scholarship.
11. Forward the application by the March 15, 2012 deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman:

Ruth Brinkel
853 Heather Court
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

(Over for Application)

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

2011-12 APPLICATION FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Applicant Social Security Number

Address Birth Date

_____, Ohio (_____) _____
City Zip Code Phone Number

Name of Veteran If deceased, give date of death

Veteran Affiliation: Daughter Son
(Indicate with (√)) Adopted Daughter Adopted Son
Step-Daughter Step-Son
Self Granddaughter Grandson
Great Granddaughter Great Grandson

Brief statement and date of Military Service _____

Financial Information	Family	Applicant
Family Income	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security Income	\$ _____	\$ _____
VA Benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____
Number in Household	_____	Number currently attending College _____

Brief statement of individual need _____

High School Attended Graduation Date College You Plan to Attend

Signature of Applicant Date Phone Number

SIGNATURE OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT OFFICER DISTRICT/UNIT NUMBER UNIT REPRESENTATIVE'S PHONE #

Submit to: **Ruth Brinkel, 853 Heather Court, Vandalia, Ohio 45377**

(Over for Instructions)



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CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

2011 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

**Requests for applications will be honored through November 25, 2011.
Applications for the 2011-2012 school year must be submitted by
December 1, 2011 to the Department Education Chairman.
All available grants for the 2011-2012 school year will be awarded by January 1, 2012.**

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio, has established the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Continuing Education Fund to help meet the needs of upperclassmen. Frequently, students in colleges, universities, or other institutions wishing to further their education are in urgent need of additional financial aid to complete a quarter, semester, or year.

\$3,000.00 has been allocated to this fund for a total of fifteen (15), \$200.00 grants for the 2011-2012 school year. These grants will be distributed to qualified applicants as applications are received until the funds are depleted for the current year. Order additional applications from: American Legion Auxiliary, Scholarship Coordinator, PO Box 2760, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2760.

1. The applicant must be active duty **or** an honorably discharged veteran **or** a spouse, daughter or son (adopted, step, grand, or great-grand) of a living, deceased, or disabled honorably discharged veteran who served during these active war dates:
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2. Attach to this application a photocopy of the veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (i.e.: Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty during the eligibility period(s) indicated above.
3. The applicant must be a resident of Ohio.
4. The applicant must be sponsored by an Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Unit.
5. The applicant must show proof of program enrollment (a current transcript, a receipt from tuition payment, or a copy of currently enrolled classes).
6. The applicant must sign and date the application.
7. A Unit Officer must sign this application.
8. Forward the application by the December 1, 2011 deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman :

**Ruth Brinkel
853 Heather Court
Vandalia, Ohio 45377**

(Over for Application)

CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

2011 APPLICATION FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Applicant Social Security Number

Address Birth Date
_____, Ohio _____ (_____) _____
City Zip Code Phone Number

Name of Veteran If deceased, give date of death _____

Veteran Affiliation :	Wife	[]	Husband	[]
(Indicate with (√))	Daughter	[]	Son	[]
	Adopted Daughter	[]	Adopted Son	[]
Self []	Step-Daughter	[]	Step-Son	[]
	Granddaughter	[]	Grandson	[]
	Great Granddaughter	[]	Great Grandson	[]

Give a brief statement and date of Military Service of veteran _____

College Name and Address

Full-time student _____ Part-time student _____ What year in school? _____

Major(s) / Minor(s) of Study

College Expenses (Please list and explain) _____

Have you previously received a Continuing Education Grant from the American Legion Auxiliary? ____ yes ____ no

Signature of Applicant Date (_____) _____
Phone Number

SIGNATURE OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT OFFICER DISTRICT/UNIT NUMBER (_____) _____
UNIT REPRESENTATIVE'S PHONE #

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