



Ohio Unit Plan of Action



EDUCATION

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REPORT DUE : April 15, 2019 (postmarked)

Department Report Form			
This Form should be attached to each narrative that is submitted for information, Citation of Merit requirements and possible Department award. Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. A Unit must submit a narrative in order to receive credit for an award submission or Citation of Merit. Narrative - there is no word count requirement. Simple or elaborate stories will be accepted as a report.			
Please complete the following. Be sure to give the complete name of your Unit: _____			
District _____	Unit # _____	Membership Goal _____	Membership Total As of Report _____
Name of Person Completing Report:		Unit Chair. _____	Unit Pres. _____
Phone # _____	Email _____	Membership ID (if available) _____	
Specific Award Name(if applicable) _____			

Answer the following Questions or include answers in your narrative

- Did member/units participate in Teacher Appreciation Week and/or National Education Week? How? _____
- Did your unit participate in Give 10 to Education? _____
- Describe how Veterans in Community Schools programs were presented? _____
- If units actively support veterans associations on campus, describe their activities? _____
- What types of help did units give a needy student? _____
- How did your unit recognize scholarship winners? _____
- How many scholarship applications does your unit receive? _____

Narrative must be typed written in narrative form.

Narrative must not exceed 1,000 words. (Can be fewer words if program dictates)

Narrative may include photographs and news articles.

Optional-A copy of your Unit ALA Impact Form (Only necessary if it requires it based on the Plan of Action Directions)

The National Cover Sheet is included on the backside of this form. Please fill out the Unit or Member Portion and send with the Narrative this sheet, the back of this sheet and your Narrative to your District or Department Chairman

Report Deadline: April 15, 2019

Narrative Deadline: April 15, 2019

MAIL TO DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

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American Legion Auxiliary National Report and Award Cover Sheet

Please note, your report will also be viewed as an award entry.

Complete the following if you are applying for a member award. Be sure to give the complete name of the member. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of state where you are a member: _____

Member Name: _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Nominating Member (if different from above): _____

Nominator's Phone number: (____) _____

Nominator's Email address: _____

National committee sponsoring award: _____

Type of Award: Department Unit Member

Name of the award you are applying for: _____

For a unit award or to submit a year-end unit narrative report, please complete this section. Be sure to give the complete name of your unit. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below.

Unit #: _____ Full official unit name: _____

Name of department: _____

Unit president/chairman (circle one) name: _____

Above listed person's ALA member ID#: _____ Phone number: (____) _____

Email address: _____

For a department award or to submit a year-end department narrative report, please complete this section:

Name of department: _____

Name of department chairman: _____

Chairman's phone number: (____) _____ ALA member ID#: _____

Chairman's email address: _____

Please see your committee's Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan to determine where to send this form.

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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. The Education Program and the 2014-2019 ALA Centennial Strategic Plan: Through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, ALA members build brand loyalty and awareness of the ALA's mission (Goal 5) through their education-related community service projects.

What Can You Do?

- 1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools. See enclosed how to sheet.**
(Note: This program was previously called Veterans in the Classroom.)

Ideas:

Member

- Locate a veteran willing to share his/her experience with school children. Attend a post meeting or ask around the clubroom for a volunteer.
- Contact your local school teachers or principals to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in Community Schools event.
- Volunteer to provide transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in community schools.
- Wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel when you visit schools.

Unit

- Collaborate with your local American Legion post to present Veterans in Community Schools within your local schools.
- Promote your Veterans in Community Schools event through local media and on your own social media accounts.

- 2. Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships, and award local scholarships at the department and unit levels.**

Ideas:

Member

- Contact the person at your local high school who handles scholarship opportunities. It will typically be a guidance or career counselor. Ask if you can send them information about national, department and unit American Legion Auxiliary scholarship opportunities.
- Make copies of any scholarship applications (found at www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships), and provide them to schools that request them.
- Volunteer to be on the scholarship selection committee.
- Make a donation to American Legion Auxiliary education scholarship funds:
 - Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship Fund
 - Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund

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- ALA Foundation at www.ALAFoundation.org
- Department, district or unit scholarship.

Unit

- Assign a member to communicate with schools regarding scholarship applications.
- Create a Unit Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to local students.
 - Refer to “How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund” following this program Plan.
- Prepare a news release with scholarship information for local media and your post/unit newsletter.
- Form a committee to select scholarship winners.
- Publicize the winners of ALA scholarships at a school presentation and in the media.
- Please keep track of the total number of applications received for any national scholarship, and pass that information on to your department Education chairman.

3. Support Give 10 to Education, American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.

Ideas:

Member

- 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), and invite local residents to donate.
 - Save Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education® and send them to local schools. Most schools participate in these programs.
 - Recognition certificates are available to download and print at www.ALAforVeterans.org on the Education Committee page.
- Promote Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10, 2019)
 - Send cards to your local school’s teachers.
 - Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need.
- Promote American Education Week (November 12-16, 2018)
 - 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.

Unit

- Participate in the Give 10 to Education program by soliciting items from members to distribute to the schools in your district. Contribute supplies to local classrooms.
 - Recognition certificates are available to download and print at www.ALAforVeterans.org on the Education Committee page.
- Participate in American Education Week (November 12-16, 2018). Remember to recognize all school personnel, not just teachers.
- Promote Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10, 2019) by reaching out to teachers and ask how your unit can enhance their school curriculum.
 - Find out if there are any needy children, and figure out what resources your unit can provide to the student.
- Educate school administrators on how the American Legion Auxiliary can have a positive impact on students.

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4. Assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and vocational education.

Ideas:

Member

- Contact a campus student veterans group at colleges and universities in your community to volunteer. The VA counselor at the college can assist you in locating the veterans groups.
- Sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.

Unit

- 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.
- Promote events through local media and your own social media accounts.
- Encourage members to sign up to receive The American Legion's Legislative Action Alerts, and support the alerts regarding the GI Bill.

5. Assist and support military children with educational opportunities.

Ideas:

Member/Unit

- Provide your local school with a copy of the Educator's Guide to the Military Child during Deployment: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/homefront/homefront.pdf
- Encourage junior members to contact their school guidance counselor and volunteer to be a mentor to new military children at their school.
- Use some of your Give 10 to Education supplies to make backpacks welcoming military children at school.
- Inform schools of a free tutoring website for military children: www.tutor.com/military
- Provide information on the ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

Scholarships

National Scholarships

All ALA scholarships should be submitted by March 1, 2019 to a local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Scholarship application and rules sheet are in this Program Plan of Action and also available for download on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships.

A. 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.

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B. 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.

C. 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.

Scholarships Opportunities

(Department Scholarships found at the End of this Plan of Action.

DEPARTMENT

Continuing Education Grant
Department President's Scholarship

NATIONAL AWARDS

Education Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section.
- 3) Submit as indicated in the Programs Action Plan.

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and Education committee contact information may be found on the Education committee page on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org Each award entry must include a cover sheet, which can be found at the end of this program Plan.

Member Award: Give 10 to Education

- Award: Printable citation
- Presented to: Participants of Give 10 to Education
- Materials and Guidelines:
 - Recognition certificates are available to download and print at www.ALAforVeterans.org on the Education Committee page.

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Education Program

- Award: Citation plaque

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- Presented to: One unit in each division (5)
- Materials and guidelines:
 - Awarded to the unit in each division with the most outstanding Education program.
 - Narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. Include specific examples of how your unit worked the Education program, including Veterans in Community Schools.
 - May include pictures, news articles, news releases, etc.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Agnes Merritt Plaque – This plaque will be presented to the Unit Education Chairman with the Most Outstanding Overall Education Program. Award entry shall be 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 impact report form must accompany the narrative. Please include pictures, clippings, etc. Entry must be submitted by **April 15, 2019** to Department Education Chairman **Deb Meyer, 90 N. Lincoln Street, Minster, Ohio 45865.**

Betty Robaszkievicz 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.

Education Reporting

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department, and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year corrections. Each Unit Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **December 1, 2018**, to the Department Education Chairman.

Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of the units in the department, and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each Unit Education chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **April 15, 2019**, to the Department Education Chairman.

As part of your Narrative Report, please include answers to the following questions:

- How did your unit recognize member’s participation for Give 10?
- Describe how your unit presented Veterans in Community Schools programs.
- If your unit actively supported veterans associations on campus, describe your activities

Additional Resources You Can Use

1. www.ALAforVeterans.org/Programs/Education for more how to sheets and other support tools.
2. American Legion Auxiliary scholarship applications: www.ALAforVeterans.org/Scholarships
3. Educational resources through the Americanism and Children & Youth Commission of The American Legion: www.legion.org/education
4. Free online tutoring for military children: www.tutor.com/military
5. Student Veterans of America: www.studentveterans.org
6. Your national committee members (see front page of this program Plan).

How To Sheets

- How to Organize a Veterans in Community Schools Event
- How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Department of Ohio

CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

2018 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

**Requests for applications will be honored through November 25, 2018.
Applications for the 2018-2019 school year must be submitted by
December 1, 2018 to the Department Education Chairman.
All available grants for the 2018-2019 school year will be awarded by January 1, 2019.**

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.

\$3,750.00 has been allocated to this fund for a total of fifteen (15), \$250.00 grants for the 2018-2019 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, or by downloading from the alaohio.org website under Scholarships.

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:
 - ◆ 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 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, 2018 deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman :

Deb Meyer
90 N. Lincoln Street
Minster, Ohio 45865-1053
debmeyer69@gmail.com
(Over for Application)

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CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT 2018 APPLICATION FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Applicant

_____/_____/_____
Address Birth Date

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

Name of Veteran

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 #

Submit to: Deb Meyer 90 N Lincoln St Minster, Ohio 45865-1053

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP 2018-19 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2019-20 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, or by downloading from the alaohio.org website under the Scholarships tab.

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
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 - ◆ 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, 2019.
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, 2019 deadline with all supporting documents to the Department Education Chairman:

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debmeyer69@gmail.com
(Over for Application)

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP 2018-19 APPLICATION FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Applicant

Address Birth Date / /

_____, Ohio () -
City Zip Code Phone Number

Name of Veteran

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: **Deb Meyer, 90 N. Lincoln Street, Minster, Ohio 45865=1053**