

## 2018-2019 Education Action Plan

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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.

### Scholarships

#### A. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

(Application can be found on the Department website: [wvaux.org](http://wvaux.org))

Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, great-grandsons of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion (see application for dates.)

Make copies available for your schools; be sure to include Unit Chairman contact information. The winning application and required attachments are due back to the Unit President/Unit Education chairman **no later than March 1, 2018**. After Unit judging, the winning application and required attachments must be forwarded to the Department Secretary-Treasurer **on or before March 15, 2018**.

#### B. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

(Application can be found on the Department website: [wvaux.org](http://wvaux.org))

1. Applicant must be a current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion, held membership for the two preceding years (2017 and 2018), and must be a paid member for the current (2019) membership year.

2. Applicants must be:

A non-traditional student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which his/her formal education was interrupted; OR a non-traditional student who is beginning his/her education at a later point in life.

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C. Spirit of Youth Scholarship

(Application can be found on the Department website: [wvaux.org](http://wvaux.org))

1. Candidates for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2016, 2017 and 2018) and must be a paid member for the current (2019) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period.
2. Applicants must be in her senior year of high school.

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D. Department Scholarship

(Application can be found on the Department website: [wvaux.org](http://wvaux.org))

This scholarship is to assist direct descendants of West Virginia Veterans, who are in need, to attend college or a school of higher education. Four (4) scholarship grants will be awarded annually to applicants who meet specific criteria. Each grant of \$500.00 per academic grant must be used for the payment of tuition and necessary fees only. The scholarship grant must be renewed annually with a letter of enrollment and cannot exceed a total of four awards—or a total of \$2,000.00. When a scholarship recipient(s) fails to renew his/her award (leaving that scholarship grant open), the \$500.00 scholarship grants(s) may be awarded to another qualified applicant.

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E. Unit Scholarship

If your Unit has established a scholarship be sure to send all related information to the schools. Don't have a Unit scholarship? Consider establishing one. See National website article, "How to establish a Unit Scholarship."

Other Education activities include:

(See additional information on National website: [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org) members only establish username and password; Membership Outreach Programs; Education; 2017-2022 Individual Education Programs Action Plan; and also 2018-2019 Supplement to Education Programs Action Plan.)

1. Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans in Community Schools programs at local schools.
2. a. Support Give 10 to Education, an Auxiliary program that promotes the collection of school supplies for local schools in increments of 10.  
b. American Education Week--week prior to Thanksgiving  
c. Teacher Appreciation Week--(first full week of May). Plan teacher recognition events at local schools.