

# EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

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**Mid-Year Reports are due by December 15, 2023**

**Year-End Reports are due by May 1, 2024**

The American Legion Auxiliary believes that the more knowledge our young people gain, the better citizens they will become and that investing time and money to educate our youth is literally an investment in America's future. Our Education Program fosters learning for children in our own communities, with special emphasis on the children of our military and veterans.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The Auxiliary supports various scholarship programs that benefit veterans, the descendants of veterans, and The American Legion Family

1. There are four major scholarships awarded at the National level: Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship; Non-Traditional Student Scholarship; Spirit of Youth Scholarship; and the Junior Loyalty Scholarship. *Deadline for all four applications is March 1, 2024.* Information and applications are available on the following websites: [alaoregon.org/programs/scholarships](http://alaoregon.org/programs/scholarships) and/or [ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships](http://ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships).
2. Department of Oregon Gift Scholarship will be granted to a child of a Veteran, or widow of a veteran, or wife of a disabled veteran for educational assistance other than high school. Information and application are available at [alaoregon.org/programs/scholarships](http://alaoregon.org/programs/scholarships).
3. Units should make all scholarship applications available to high schools (public, private, and parochial).
4. Check the websites for information on other scholarships or awards that are available.

## **LITERACY:**

Literacy is the ability to read and write at a level needed to effectively communicate and function in society.

1. Members should be encouraged to become involved in community literacy programs and reading programs in preschools, elementary schools, and other youth groups.
2. Encourage Junior members to read and share the gift of reading with other children.
3. Promote the "Give 10 to Education" Program which asks Units to give 10 (or multiples of 10) of any item to schools. See attached *suggested donated items and tracking form* for Units to use as part of this activity.

**We also support the following programs:** Veterans in the Classroom; Educating the Children of the Men and Women of the National Guard; and Supporting American Legion Education Programs. Additional information on these programs can be found at [ALAforVeterans.org/programs](http://ALAforVeterans.org/programs).

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS:**

- 1. Evelyn Ogilvie Education Award:** presented annually to the unit submitting the best all-around education narrative report. Report must include the unit's name, number, name of unit president, and name of unit chair. Photos, newspaper articles, etc. are a plus – include them when sending your report.

Report must be accompanied by the *Education Annual Report Form (attached)*. This form provides information regarding Unit activities for the year. Report is due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 2. Ellen Eivers, Department Scholarship Award:** Presented annually to the unit sponsoring the Department Scholarship applicant winner.

**Be safe, stay healthy, and please continue to be part of the Community of Volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families.**

Please contact me if you have any questions:

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