

Hello to all the Education Chairman in the Units. Please try new and exciting ways to promote Education in your Units. All members in your Unit could "Give 10 to Education. Suggestions , give 10 pr. Of mittens, 10 hats, school supplies and another good one would be 10 hours of volunteering in a class room, helping a student in a lower grade in reading class. What a difference it could make for the student with his reading. Ideas can be limitless.

All available scholarships are listed on my work outline. There are 3 State scholarships to be given this year and approximately 4 other ones. Please check them all out and to whom they are to be mailed to.

Please visit the schools and colleges. If you know someone who is eligible offer to help them with the application. Sometimes they just need a little push.

Applications are all in the State Office and I have a copy of all, so if you want one either call Shirley or myself. We will mail them to you. You can also get them off the computer. Good luck.

The mid-year report is due by December 20, 2016 as my deadline to National is Jan. 5, 2017.

Hopefully I receive lots of reports to report to National.

Time is going fast, Christmas will be here before long.

Hopefully your Unit Education program will be a worth-while program.

Thank you for serving as your Unit Education Chairman.

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# Education News

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## \*\*\* BREAKING NEWS \*\*\*

### Children of Warriors National President Scholarship Amounts Have Changed

Under the direction of ALA National President Mary Davis, the scholarship amounts have increased. Previously the awards were one in the amount of \$3,500; one in the amount of \$3,000; and one in the amount of \$2,500 for each division.

Fifteen (15) scholarships will be awarded in 2017 – three in each division of the American Legion Auxiliary. Each of those 15 scholarships will be awarded \$5,000 each. (This is an increase from \$9,000 per division to \$15,000 per division or a total increase of \$30,000. Wow! This is proof that the American Legion Auxiliary believes in our future – our young people!

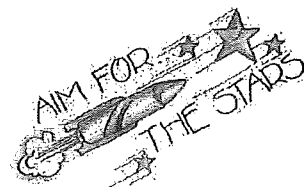
### Education Program Goals

- Promote literacy programs for youth and adults
- Support legislation that establishes new scholarship opportunities
- Encourage schools to invite veterans to speak in their classrooms
- Provide scholarships for students who desire a college education

### Updated Scholarship Applications Are Available on the National Website

All of the scholarship applications have been revised to make applying easier and/or to reflect the new amounts for the Children of Warriors National President Scholarship and can be found on the national website. Go to [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org) and select Administrative & Mission Outreach Committees. They are listed under the Education Action Plan.

NOTE – If applications have already been distributed within your Department you may continue to use the original application this year. The information provided will not affect the application process. In other words, submissions are acceptable on either of the application forms this year.



## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that The American Legion offers several scholarships that our Auxiliary members can promote as well? Encourage students to start early in their high school years to think about their options. Waiting to think about scholarships in February or March of their Senior year limits their opportunities. Several of the scholarships involve participation in an activity like Boy Scouts, Junior Shooting Sports, The American Legion Oratorical Contest, Boys or Girls State.

**Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship:** one \$10,000 scholarship and three runner-up scholarships of \$2,500.

**Junior Shooting Sports Program:** winners in this program receive a \$5,000 college scholarship provided in part by The American Legion, the Sons of The American Legion. The American Legion Auxiliary awards a \$1,000 scholarship to the second place finishers.

**The American Legion Oratorical Contest:** winner receives an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place receives \$16,000 and third place receives \$14,000. State winners receive a \$1,500 scholarship. High school students are eligible to compete and local deadlines vary. Competition begins at the local post level and advances to state competition. State winners move on to compete at the national level.

**The Samsung Scholarship:** is available to participants of each state's Boys or Girls State program that are direct descendants of wartime veterans. More than a quarter million dollars is awarded annually to ALA Girls State and Legion Boys State citizens nationally.

**The American Legion Legacy Scholarship:** is awarded to the children of fallen post 9/11 service members or post 9/11 veterans who are VA rated at 50% or higher disability.

For more information on scholarship and educational opportunities, visit

[www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) or

[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

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