

Greetings Auxiliary members,

First off, I am hoping that you are all coping with the stress of these trying times. Each day we have is precious and I am reminded of that now more than ever. Remember to take some time to destress during your day.

I am excited to again be your Department Education Chairman. This year, as always, the program is promoting student education through scholarships. The four scholarship applications available this year through National are:

- Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship
- Spirit of Youth Scholarship
- Non-Traditional Student Scholarship
- Junior Auxiliary Member Loyalty Scholarship

These applications are due to your local unit no later than March 1st, 2021. Units- Please send your choices to the Department Office no later than March 15th, 2021. **Note: Only one application per category may be sent from each unit.** More information is available at www.ndala.org/education/ or at www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships/ These scholarship applications were included in an October mailing from the Department Office to units and ND schools. Thank you, Marcy!! Please share the applications with eligible students within your families and communities.

The program has the Department Education Scholarship application available. This year, the finance board approved an increase to \$500 for each award given. These applications were included in the mailing and are available at www.ndala.org/education/. They are due to me no later than April 1st, 2021.

The Education Program is promoting the 'Give 10 to Education' program. Organize a school supply drive in your area or donate money to local schools for education supplies and safety items. Helpful resources for accomplishing this are available in this unit mailing and online.

This article will come to you after American Education Week (November 16-20). However, any time is a good time to support your local schools, educators, and staff. Consider a COVID-safe treat donation, a thank-you card brigade, or maybe sending special flowers to honor those that give so much.

Just a reminder to report about any education items during mid-year reporting in December. I want to hear about the great things you all are doing!

Feel free to contact me at education@ndala.org or by telephone/text at 701-491-8776.

Yours in service,

Shauna Dubuque, Education Chairman