

Education

Encourage participation in scholarships

Encourage local youth and Junior American Legion Auxiliary members to apply for scholarships from the local American Legion Auxiliary unit by:

- Working with your unit to create a scholarship.
- Ask schools to allow you to do a bulletin board about scholarship opportunities within The American Legion Family.
- Publish information in your local newspaper, libraries, and on your unit's social media.
- Host a "Scholarship Night" Zoom meeting to inform students and parents about Legion Family scholarship opportunities.
- Start a partnership with a local college to provide their students with scholarship information.
- Ask the local Board of Education to host a "Scholarship Workshop" in their schools.
 - o Work with the schools to invite college administrators to speak.
 - o Have volunteers assist students with scholarship applications.

Resources:

- How-to Instructions: Create a Unit Scholarship Fund (www.ALforVeterans.org)
- American Legion Auxiliary's scholarships: www.ALforVeterans.org/scholarships
- The American Legion's scholarships: www.legion.org/scholarships

Support activity:

- Acknowledge scholarship recipients at their school's annual awards assembly or invite them to a unit meeting to celebrate their achievement. Be sure to snap a picture of the recipient.



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Raise awareness about Veterans in Schools

Many children do not know a veteran and therefore do not have an appreciation for the sacrifices made by our military heroes.

- Work with your American Legion post to participate in Veterans in Community Schools.
- Ask teachers to have their students make cards for veterans.
- Partner with your local schools to invite veterans into schools.
- Work with teachers to prepare students to ask appropriate questions from the veteran, as well as inappropriate questions to not ask.

Plan a Veterans Day program at school where veterans can:

- Be the color guard for the beginning of the program.
- Introduce their military branch of the service to students.
- Mingle with children and share snacks.

Resources:

- How-to Instructions: Organize a Veterans in Community Schools Event (www.ALforVeterans.org)

Support activity:

- During National Education Week, host a reading event at the school and invite veterans to read to students.
- Organize a Veteran Thank-You Day with a local school. Have a small ceremony and present to veterans "Thank You For Your Service" cards that were made by students.



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Support scholarships

Encourage members to support American Legion Auxiliary scholarships monetarily by:

- donating to local American Legion Auxiliary unit scholarship funds
- supporting the department scholarship fund
- sending donations to the ALA Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund or any of the other ALA national scholarship funds
- donating to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation to help with the sustainability of all Auxiliary funds

Support legislation that establishes new scholarship opportunities.

- Support The American Legion's efforts by signing up for legislative alerts.
- Contact your representatives and ask them to support scholarship opportunities, particularly those for veterans, military, and their families.

Resources:

- ALA scholarships (www.ALforVeterans.org/scholarships)
- American Legion Grassroots Action Center (www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home)
- Donate to the ALA (www.ALforVeterans.org/donate)

Support activity:

- Host a fundraiser to raise money to donate to ALA scholarship funds.



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