

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

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The purpose of the Education Committee is to promote 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. Investing in the education of our young people is investing in the future of our country.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

There are three major scholarships awarded at the National level: Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship; the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship; and the Spirit of Youth Scholarship. *Deadline for all three applications is March 1, 2020.* Information and applications are available on the following websites: alaoregon.org/programs/scholarships and/or ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships.

The Department of Oregon Gift Scholarship of \$1000. Information and application is available at alaoregon.org/programs/scholarships.

- a. Units should make all scholarship applications available to high schools (public, private, and parochial).
- b. 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.

- a. Members should be encouraged to become involved in community literacy programs and reading programs in preschools, elementary schools, and other youth groups.
- b. Implement the "Give 10 to Education" Program. This program asks Units to give 10 (or multiples of 10) of any item to schools, such as 10 books, 10 boxes of crayons, 10 backpacks, or \$10 to support a school activity.
- c. Encourage Junior members to read and share the gift of reading with other children.

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.

DEPARTMENT AWARD:

One Department award is available. It requires the year-end report and a supplemental year-end report (the *education annual report form*).

Evelyn Ogilvie Education Award: presented annually to the unit submitting the best all around education narrative report. Report must include the unit name, number, name of unit president, and name of unit chair. Report must be accompanied by the Education Annual Report form. The Education/Scholarship Chair and selected judges will determine the winner. No late entries will be judged.

Special 100th Anniversary History Program Facts:

The American Legion and the Auxiliary have been advocates of Education through the years. Kicking off its inception in 1919, The American Legion met with representatives of the National Education Association to discuss the state of Education in our country and to create awareness of the problems of illiteracy. The first American Education week was introduced in December of 1921, with the American Legion and the NEA as cosponsors. The week before Thanksgiving has been designated as American Education Week.

Mid-Year Reports are due to me by December 15, 2019.

Year-End Reports are due to me by May 1, 2020.

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