

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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FROM THE 2025-2026 NATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2025-2026 ALA National President Pam Ray



American Legion Auxiliary member Pam Rae Ray, Department of Illinois became the national president of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) at the 104th National Convention held Aug 23rd - Aug 28th, 2025, in Tampa, Florida.

The Committee on Youth Education (COYE) is reviving the Americanism Commission Certificate of Appreciation for Education.

This program is to recognize individuals, in your Department and communities, who promote the four pillars of The American Legion, core values, and educational goals of The American Legion by advancing the principles of Americanism, supporting the education programs, and helping to instill a sense of pride and civic responsibility in our nation's youth.

Each Department can nominate up to 3 individuals (members or non-members) each year. A list of Nominations to the COYE will be due to the Americanism Department at The American Legion National Headquarters before The American Legion's Fall Meetings by September 26th. You can email your nomination to americanism@legion.org.

Individuals that are nominated by each Department and approved by the Committee on Youth Education will receive a Certificate and a letter from the Americanism Commission that the Department can present at their choosing. If you have any questions, please contact Education@alaforveterans.org.

National President Focus

The 2025-2026 ALA administrative year emphasis is Mission Driven and Family Focused, to include not only the families we serve, but the entire American Legion family. President Pam expresses we will continue in the 'Be the One' mission, with an extra focus on our female veterans and their challenges. Read more here: <https://member.legion-aux.org/National-President-focus>

EDUCATION DATES:

September 26, 2025 – Deadline to submit nominations for the Americanism Commission Certificate of Appreciation for Education

Education Quarterly Zooms

Q1 - October 7, 2025 at

7:00PM Eastern / 6:00PM Central 5:00PM Mountain / 4:00PM Pacific

Register here: https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/20252026education_q1meeting

Q2 - January 27, 2026

Q3 - April 7, 2026

Veterans Day: November 11, 2025

**American Education Week:
November 17-21, 2025**

Join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAEducation/>



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE LIVE!

We have four (4) American Legion Auxiliary National scholarships:

CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP:

Fifteen \$5,000 scholarships are given to high school seniors who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans.

SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS: Five - \$5,000 scholarships and 47 - \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually to Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Current ALA Junior members who are high school seniors and who have been Junior members for the past three years are eligible to apply.

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: Five \$2000 scholarships help people who are part of The American Legion Family, veterans, and veteran or active-duty military spouses pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted.

MEMBER LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP: Ten \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to former American Legion Auxiliary Junior members who retain their membership into adulthood. Current members who have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary and have held membership for the past three consecutive years are eligible to apply.

Be sure to check out the eligibility requirements on our website at <https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships>

We heard your feedback, and we will be scheduling ALA Academy Live webinars throughout the year, focusing on important scholarship information and helpful hints.

2025-2026 Mission Training

November 15, 2025 –
Albany, NY & Minneapolis, MN

January 31, 2026 –
Indianapolis, IN & Las Vegas, NV

February 7, 2026 – Atlanta, GA

ALA Mission Training & National Junior Meetings

To register now: [Click here and select your city](#)

EDUCATION REMINDERS:

Be sure to print out the Give 10 to Education certificate and recognize those who participated in this initiative. There is still time! Educators are always in need of supplies.



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