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Welcome to the New Year! As we move in to the final half of the year, let us be reminded that The American Legion Auxiliary's role is providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

Plan an education fundraiser in support of education beyond high school, especially for military children. Promotion of the Education Program is vital to provide quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion.

The Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, and the Spirit of Youth Scholarship all have deadlines of March 1, 2018, for submission for initial review. Units should have already started to disseminate the information to interested students and be prepared to offer any advice when asked. You and your Unit can be invaluable to the students by making available information on the national scholarships as well as on local scholarships. Many times, local awards are not large amounts, but they also are not advertised and usually get few applicants. A "small" scholarship can cover a semester of tuition. In some cases, there may be only applicant. Every dollar counts to students, whether it comes in one award or many.

Encourage students to apply, and provide a resource to help them correctly complete the application. Then many more winning letters will arrive in the mail to deserving students.

Resources:

For information and frequently asked questions about national scholarships awarded by the ALA, visit <https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/> For

information about national scholarships awarded by The American Legion, visit <https://www.legion.org/scholarships>

Check with your local ALA unit or department to determine local deadlines. Department contact information may be found at <https://www.alaforveterans.org/About/Department-State-Headquarters/>

As a reminder, the sacrifices of our Veterans are why we live in freedom; ease the burden of the cost of their children's education, express your gratitude! Promote scholarships to eligible students! Scholarship funding is dependent upon donations received and availability of funds. Visit schools, speak with teachers and counselors, share our scholarship opportunities!

**"Real Heroes Wear Dog Tags not Capes"**

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