



The American Legion Auxiliary is extending its administrative year through our 2021 National Convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please save your 2019-2020 reports and add the great work you will continue to do throughout the 2020-2021 year.

2019 - 2021 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan Children & Youth

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** For the most up-to-date contact information, please visit the Children and Youth Committee page at www.ALAforVeterans.org.



What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families.

Children & Youth Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan.
- 3) Make sure to include your data from 2019-2021 in your report.

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and Children & Youth committee contact information may be found on the Children & Youth committee page on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org.

- A. **Unit Award:** Most Outstanding Unit Children & Youth Program (per division)
 - Deadline: June 1, 2021
 - Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.

- B. **Department Award:** Best Department Children & Youth Program (per division)
 - Deadline: June 1, 2021
 - Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.

Children & Youth Reporting:

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for mid-year correction. Each department Children & Youth chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **January 5, 2021** to the division Children & Youth chairman, plus copy the national Children & Youth chairman.

Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each department Children & Youth chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 15, 2021** to the division Children & Youth chairman, plus copy the national Children & Youth chairman. Members



and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.

Children & Youth Notes:

- Due to circumstances beyond our control, the company that manufactures and distributes Josh Dogs/GI Josh is closing operations. It is our hope that this is a temporary situation and Josh will simply be in hiatus for a year.
- Star Spangled Kids (SSK) is moving to the Americanism program. Don't stop working this initiative; simply report it under Americanism.

Special 100th Anniversary History Program Facts:

The ALA's Children and Youth (C&Y) program started out as "Child Welfare" in 1931-1932 and was changed to Children and Youth in 1970-1971. The Youth Hero Award became a part of C&Y in 2002-2003 to recognize someone under 18 years of age who performs a heroic act of bravery. The Good Deed Award was added shortly after to recognize youths who contribute through community service. In 2013-2014, the "Kids of Deployed are Heroes, Too" (KDH2) initiative was started to help military kids feel special and not ignored when their family member was deployed.