

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

The Junior Activities program inspires active participation in members age 17 and under so that they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.

**Junior Activities 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 Junior Activities committee contact information may be found on the Junior Activities committee page on the national website, [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).

- A. **Member Award:** Junior Member of the Year
  - Deadline: June 1, 2021
  - Nominees must have been a Junior at the start of the 2019-2020 administrative year.
  - Unit chairman must send to National Headquarters to the Junior Activities Program Coordinator/Committee Liaison via email
- B. **Unit Award:** Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities 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.
- C. **Department Award:** Best Department Junior Activities 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.
- D. **National Award:** Best Media Coverage of Activity or Project
  - Deadline: June 1, 2021
  - Send to national chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on the deadline listed above.

**Junior Activities 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 Junior Activities chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **January 5, 2021** to the division Junior Activities chairman, plus copy the national Junior Activities 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 Junior Activities chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 15, 2021** to the division Junior Activities chairman, plus copy the national Junior Activities chairman. Members and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.

***Special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Program Facts:***

In 1934, the following change to the American Legion Auxiliary Constitution was adopted: To strike out Section 2, Article III, which is the article on Eligibility and substitute the following:

“Section 2. There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior.

- (a) Senior membership shall be the functioning (or active) group composed of members over the age of eighteen years.
- (b) Junior membership shall consist of that group under the age of eighteen years, whose activities shall be supervised by the senior membership. Upon reaching the age of eighteen years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted into active membership with full privileges.
- (c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually.”

In the 1936-1937 year, under National President Scar W. Hahn, the Junior Program was launched. Junior membership grew from 29,000 to 40,000 during that following year due to the great work the Juniors were doing.