

AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY
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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Junior Activities Guide

2009-2010



Juniors are Stars!

Please Support our Michigan Juniors!!!!

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES RECOGNITION: CERTIFICATES, PATCH PROGRAM, AND AWARDS

I. CERTIFICATES (Available from the National Organization)

1. Tiny Tot Certificate: Birth to six years old.
2. Certificate of Promotion: Upon reaching the age of six.
3. Graduation Certificates: Upon reaching the age of eighteen years old, Junior members are promoted to Senior membership.

II. JUNIOR AUXILIARY PATCH PROGRAM

Earn one of seven beautiful, dated, patches each year: Americanism, Community Service, Leadership, Membership, Poppy, VA&R, and Physical Fitness. It's a great way to learn about the American Legion Auxiliary. All Juniors, whether they belong to an active group or not, can be involved. Also, there is a **Special Junior Patch** for Junior members to support the National President's Project.

III. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES AWARDS

Remember your green slips, please.

All Unit entries must be post-marked by March 31, 2010 and sent to your District Chairman for judging. District winner will be forwarded on and post-marked by April 15, 2010 to Department Junior Chairman, Kimberly Champion, 2700 Shimmons Road, Lot #109, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

A. UNIT AWARD

A citation plaque presented to the Unit Chairman in each Division reporting the best Junior Activities program with at least one activity as stated in the National Plan of Work. Please refer to the National Plan of Work on page **J4** for judging criteria. Winning entry will be forwarded on to National by the Department Chairman.

B. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES NATIONAL PLAQUE AWARD

This award will be given to a Unit reporting the best overall Junior Activities program. Please refer to the National Plan of Work on page **J4**. Winning entry will be forwarded on to National by the Department Chairman.

C. JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

A \$100.00 Savings Bond will be presented to the National Junior Member of the Year in recognition for her dedicated service, efforts, and talents. Please refer to National Plan of Work on page **J5**. Winning entry will be forwarded on to National by the Department Chairman.

D. TINA SUTHERLAND CITATION

Department of Michigan award presented to a Junior for her dedicated service, efforts, and talents working for the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. Entry must be type written, double spaced, narrative form and in the Junior Member's own words, not to exceed 1,000 words.

E. VICTORIA BETZ SPIRIT CITATION

Department of Michigan award presented to a Junior member who has held an office either on the District or Unit level and has achieved outstanding work in the Auxiliary programs as an officer. Entry must be type written, double-spaced, narrative form and in the Junior member's own words, not to exceed 1,000 words.

F. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1. Spirit of Youth Scholarship

One four year scholarship valued at \$4,000.00 will be awarded to a Junior member in each Division. Please refer to website www.legion-aux.org for scholarship criteria and deadline.

2. American Youth Conference

A scholarship awarded to one representative per Department to students in grades 10, 11, 12 to attend Freedoms Foundation. This annual conference is hosted by the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, PA. Please refer to the National Americanism Plan of Work for details.

3. Junior Volunteer Scholarship Award

A \$1,000.00 scholarship awarded to a Junior Member Volunteer in each Division serving the greatest number of volunteer hours in a VA facility, through home or field service. Please refer to the National VA&R Plan of Work for details.

IV. SOME ADDITIONAL JUNIOR CONTESTS, AWARDS & PARTICIPATION. Review each Committee's National Plan of Work for a complete listing of awards, contests, rules, and deadlines.

A. Americanism (See Americanism Plan of Work)

1. American Essay Contest
2. Junior Americanism Award
3. American Youth Conference-Freedom Foundation
4. Girl Scout Achievement Award
5. Pocket Flag Program

B. CHAPLAIN (See Chaplain's **Plan** of Work)

1. Best Junior Prayer Book

C. COMMUNITY SERVICE (See Community Service Plan of Work)

1. Junior Volunteer of the Year – Outstanding Service in Youth Community Service Activity.

D. EDUCATION (See Education Plan of Work)

1. Most Outstanding Junior Program in a School
2. Give 10 to Education
3. Scholarships

E. GIRLS STATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Samsung Scholarship
2. Girls Nation

F. HISTORIAN (See Historian's Plan of Work)

1. Best Junior History Book
2. Best Junior Scrapbook

G. LEADERSHIP

1. Junior Leadership Correspondence Course

H. POPPY (See Poppy Plan of Work)

1. Poppy Corsage Contest
2. Poppy Poster Contest
3. Miss Poppy Contest

I. PUBLIC RELATIONS (See Public Relations Plan of Work)

1. Junior Public Relations Award

J. VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION (See VA&R Plan of Work)

1. Veterans History Project
2. Field Service Volunteer Hours Award
3. Hone Service Volunteer Hours Award
4. Junior Volunteer Scholarship

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2009-2010 Junior Activities Patch Program

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members can be active participants of the organization with the **2009-2010** Patch Program. Regardless of where one lives, and whether she belongs to an active Junior group, Junior Auxiliary members are able to serve their communities, Veterans, and learn about patriotism, health, fitness, and leadership through this program.

Each sheet explains the criteria and what a Junior member must do in order to earn her patches. When the activities are completed, an adult or Senior member must sign the form to verify a Junior has met the criteria.

This year, National Headquarters introduced 3 levels of patch criteria:

Red Level 1: Kindergarten through 5 th grade
Gold Level 2: 6 th grade through 8 th grade
Blue Level 3: 9 th grade through 12 th grade (or 18 years)

Please send completed form to your Department Junior Activities Chairman.

**Patches will be mailed directly to the
Department Junior Activities Chairman for distribution.**

The Junior Activities Patch Program Request Sheet MUST be included.

Additional Patch Sheets are available on the
American Legion Auxiliary Web site (www.legion-aux.org)

For questions or comments, please contact the
National Junior Activities Committee at
www.legion-aux.org/MO-Programs/JuniorActivities/patches.aspx

