

Junior Activities

2010-2011 National President's Theme: The Power of One
2010-2011 Department President's Theme: It is Great to be an American

Plan of Action: Junior Activities Committee

Purpose: To interest eligible young women (under the age of 18) in adult membership through positive experiences of mission-based volunteer opportunities that instill the ideals of the organization.

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Department Objectives

1. **Objective:** To encourage participation in service projects that serve our military, veterans and their families.

Action Steps

- a. Juniors create and implement a service project centered around helping servicemembers and their families during the holidays such as veterans gift shop, adopt a deployed company, babysit for deployed soldier's spouse, etc.
 - b. Volunteer with your local Operation: Military Kids, VA or hold a mini-Kids Canteen at your Department or local level.
 - c. Invite friends and family to participate when you volunteer. You just might end up with a new member and new friend.
 - d. Participate in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project by interviewing a veteran's family member or friend to help collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from them and better understand the realities of war.
2. **Objective:** To promote the National President's Scholarship peer-to-peer, by raising awareness of the rules and application process in schools, communities and on military bases.

Action Steps

- a. Post information about the National President's Scholarship on your social networking sites and/or Department website.
 - b. Distribute scholarship information to your local high school counselors and/or school districts, youth organizations and churches.
 - c. Promote the scholarship to your friends and family members and get them to tell five of their friends or family members. Communicate!
3. **Objective:** To empower our Junior members by seeking their assistance to increase the use of technology (such as e-mail, Internet, Facebook and other social networking sites) in promoting Auxiliary programs.

Action Steps

- a. Have Junior members teach Unit and Department leaders the basics of e-mail and Internet.
- b. Junior members help create and educate Unit and Department leaders about social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.
- c. Have Junior members work with Unit and Department leaders to create and maintain ALA websites.
- d. Teach and actively practice Internet safety.

Programs and Activities

1. **Junior Patch Program:** Requirements, instructions and patch forms are available at www.legion-aux.org or www.missala.com on the Juniors home page.
2. **National Junior Meeting:** Held each year in conjunction with national convention, the National Junior Meeting is an opportunity for Auxiliary Juniors to interact with each other, participate in service projects and elect honorary Junior officers.
3. **Department Junior Meetings:** Held each year in conjunction with Mid-Winter Conference in January and the State Convention held in July 2011. The Department Junior Meetings are an opportunity for Mississippi Auxiliary Juniors to interact with each other, participate in service projects and elect honorary Junior officers.

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4. Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members: Five four-year scholarships will be awarded in 2010-2011. One four-year scholarship will be awarded in each Division in the amount of \$1,000 per year. Requirements and applications are available at www.legion-aux.org.
5. Scholarship for Honorary National Junior President: The Junior member elected as Honorary National Junior President is presented a \$2,000 scholarship.
6. Joint Action Projects:
 - a. Americanism Pocket Flag Project <http://pocketflagproject.com>
 - b. Operation: Military Kids <http://operationmilitarykids.org>
 - c. Veterans History Project <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>
 - d. VA&R Volunteen Program
 - e. National President's Scholarship www.legion-aux.org

Junior Activities Awards:

1. Department Award

An engraved plaque presented to a Department reporting the Largest Increase of Junior Members participating in electronic social networking by June 1, 2011. Entries must be typewritten including the following information: name of members; name of social networking sites; and brief description of how Department is promoting the Junior program objectives through social networking. Please include pictures, either electronically or via postal mail. All Unit junior membership numbers must be verified by Department Junior Activities Chairman before submission. Department entry must be postmarked by June 1, 2011, and sent by Department Junior Activities Chairman to national committee member Lynda Horton-Turk, PO Box 1306, Mineral Wells, TX 46068, or may be e-mailed to lynda@uwmail.com.
2. Unit Award

A citation presented to the Unit Chairman in each Division reporting the Best Junior Activities program with **at least one action step from each of the three objectives as stated in the Plan of Action**. Entry must be typewritten in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. Please include pictures, either electronically or via postal mail. All entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2011, and sent to the **Department Committee Member Joan Coleman**. Department winner will be recognized at State Convention 2011 and the entry forwarded to National JA Committee for consideration for the Divisional award. Use Award Cover #1.
3. National Plaque Award

An engraved plaque will be presented to a Unit reporting the Best Overall Junior Activities Program. Entry must be typewritten in narrative form that demonstrates superior execution of **at least two action steps from each of the objectives in the Junior Activities Plan**. Please include pictures, either electronically or via postal mail; narrative not to exceed 1,000 words. All entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2011, and **sent to the Department Chairman**. Winning Department entry will be forwarded by June 1, 2011, to national committee member Shelley Riggs, 6660 Swing-A-long Ln, Nashport, OH 43830, or may be e-mailed to sjriggs@columbus.rr.com. Use Award Form #2.
4. On the Department level, a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place award will be presented to units for outstanding Junior Activities efforts, based on year-end reporting. Certificates of participation/appreciation will be given to each reporting Unit.

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5. Junior Member of the Year Award

An engraved plaque presented to the National Junior Member of the Year in recognition of her dedicated service, efforts and talents. The Department Committee will select the Department's Junior Member of the Year and present her at State Convention 2011. Her nomination will be forwarded to National for consideration.

At minimum, criteria should include the following:

- Consideration of only Junior members in good standing for 2010-2011.
- Each Unit is limited to one nomination.
- Outstanding contribution the Junior has made through a program or project outlined in the Plan of Action and other than the office she may be holding (based on current year ONLY).
- Her Junior group will select the Junior nominee with the assistance of the Unit Junior Activities advisor.
- Nominee should not be serving as honorary Department Junior president.
- Length of membership is not a criterion.
- Name and complete address of nominee must accompany nomination.
- A narrative, typed essay not to exceed 500 words describing nominee's accomplishments during the current administrative year.
- Nomination must be signed by Unit Junior Activities advisor, the Junior group president and **submitted to Department Junior Activities Chairman by May 1, 2011.** Use Award Form #3.

The Department Junior Member of the Year entry must be postmarked by June 1, 2011, to National Vice Chairman Norma Tramm at 29052 County Road 50, Cold Spring, MN 56320, or may be e-mailed to ntramm@juno.com.

Mid-Year and Year-End Reports

A Mid-Year Progress Report of Junior Activities is due to the Department Chairman by December 31, 2010. Let us know what you've been doing in your Junior unit or with your Juniors if you have no organized junior unit. A Year-End Annual Report (attached) is due by May 1, 2011, to the Department Chairman. **Be sure to include the Unit name, number, Chairman's name and her address in both reports.** Feel free to include photos of activities and newspaper clippings, etc.

Resources

1. www.legion-aux.org
2. www.facebook.com/alajuniors
3. Junior Chairman Guide
4. Junior Activities Handbook
5. Junior Leadership Course
6. Unit Handbook
7. Policies and Procedures

See program page on www.legion-aux.org for additional resources.