

Junior Activities

2009-2010 Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Auxiliary
National President's Theme: Reconnect and Energize!

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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National-level Objectives

1. **Objective:** To have each Junior member recruit one new junior by the time of National Junior Meeting.

Action Steps

- a. Spotlight department Junior recruitment achievements monthly via the Web site and mailings after report has been sent to National Chairman and verified.
 - b. Have each department submit name of recruiter with date of recruitment and name of new member to National Chairman by National Junior Meeting.
 - c. Reward department with highest increase of new Juniors recruited with a cash prize by National Junior Meeting after report has been sent to National Chairman and verified.
 - d. Offer educational opportunities for eligible Juniors through scholarships and offer community service credit hours.
2. **Objective:** To encourage community service projects by Junior Units and/or individual members.

Action Steps

- a. Encourage Junior units to plan and execute a community fundraiser and report results to the National Chairman upon completion of each project.
 - b. To spotlight units that report monthly on completed projects to National Chairman via the website, Facebook Page and mailings.
 - c. To encourage Juniors to participate in the Junior Patch Program and submit completed forms.
 - d. Recognize Junior Units that complete and report projects to National Chairman by National Junior Meeting.
3. **Objective:** To learn and practice points from/in programs and activities related to our mission of serving veterans and their families.

Action Steps

- a. Senior members hold monthly activities targeted toward one of the programs above during Junior meeting each month.
- b. To share accomplishments of Junior members via Web site and mailing by reporting to National Chairman.
- c. To encourage Juniors to share with their peers what it means to be a Junior Auxiliary member.
- d. To reward a Junior member as Junior Member of the Year at National Convention.
- e. To educate Junior members on being a responsible citizen by utilizing these programs.

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To be filled out by Department Chairman:

Department Goals relating to above. Should have no more than three department-level goals supporting the National objectives outlined above. Department Chair - please share these with your Committee and forward a copy to your National Chairman. (This process does not need national approval.)

1. **Objective:**

Action Steps

a.

2. **Objective:**

Action Steps

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3. **Objective:**

Action Steps

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Programs and Activities

1. Junior Patch Program:

Requirments, instructions and patch forms are available at www.legion-aux.org/MO-Programs/JuniorActivities/patches.aspx.

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. Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members: Five four-year scholarships will be awarded in 2009-2010. One 4-year scholarship will be awarded in each division in the amount of \$1,000 per year. Requirements and applications available at www.legion-aux.org

4. Scholarship for Honorary Junior President:

The Junior member elected Honorary Junior President is presented a \$2,000 scholarship.

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5. Joint Action Projects:

- a. Americanism Pocket Flag Project
- b. Americanism Patriotism Basic Education
- c. Veterans History Project
- d. National Security Support Our Troops and Families Projects
- e. VA&R Volunteering Program
- f. Leadership Mentoring Projects

Committee Awards:

I. Department Award

A \$500 cash award presented to a department reporting the Largest Increase of Junior members by June 1, 2010. The cash award will be used for future junior program initiatives. Entries must be typewritten including the following information: Name of recruiters, name of new members and date new members signed. All entries must be verified by department membership chairman or department secretary before submission. All entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2010, and sent by Department Junior Activities Chairman to National Committee member Mary Ann Ventulett, 30 Highland Ln., West Springfield, MA 01089.

II. Unit Award

A citation plaque 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. Do not include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc. All entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2010, and sent by the Department Chairman to their Divisional Chairman.

III. National Plaque Award

This special Plaque will be presented to a unit reporting the Best Overall Junior Activities program using the following criteria:

To complete three Action Steps from each of the 3 Objectives.

Entry must be typewritten in narrative form not to exceed 1,000 words. Do not include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc. All entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2010, and sent by the Department Chairman to National Committee Member Nancy Jordan, 728 Haynsworth St., Sumter, SC 29150

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IV. Junior Member of the Year Award

A \$100 Cash Award presented to the National Junior Member of the Year in recognition of her dedicated service, efforts and talents. Department Chairmen are encouraged to form a selection committee and are responsible for notifying units of their deadline and department specific evaluation criteria. At minimum, criteria should include the following:

1. Consideration of only Junior members in good standing for 2009-2010.
2. Each unit is limited to one nomination.
3. 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.)
4. Her Junior Group will select the Junior nominee with the assistance of the Unit Junior Activities Advisor.
5. Nominee should not be serving as Honorary Department Junior President.
6. Length of membership is not a criterion.
7. Name and complete address of nominee must accompany nomination.
8. A narrative, typed, double-spaced essay not to exceed 500 words describing nominee's accomplishments during the current administrative year.
9. Each department shall establish its own judging procedure to determine who will represent them as the department's "Junior Member of the Year" for 2009-2010.
10. Each department can determine the best way to acknowledge its "Junior Member of the Year."
11. Nomination must be signed by Unit Junior Activities Advisor, the Junior Group President and submitted to Department Junior Activities Chairman prior to deadline for the Junior Report.

All entries must be post-marked by June 1, 2010 and sent by the Department Chairman to the National Vice Chairman Lynda Lancaster, 103 E Tenth Ave., Ranson, WV 25438-1458

Resources

1. www.legion-aux.org
2. www.facebook.com
3. Unit Handbook
4. Policies and Procedures

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