Junior Activities

Greetings fellow Auxiliary members –

My name is Jennifer Hallberg, and I am your Junior Activity Chair for Idaho Department this year.

Junior Auxiliary membership is open to girls from infancy through age 17. The Junior Activities program prepares young people to become active adult members of the organization by providing positive volunteer experiences that instill the ideals of the Auxiliary.

I encourage all of you to go to the National Website at this link https://member.legion-aux.org/juniors and investigate all that is offered for Junior members.

There are many different activities that can benefit the young people of today, here are a few examples:

- Learning about patriotism and how to show respect for the American flag
- Helping military families in practical ways such as mowing yards and helping military kids become acclimated at a new school
- Distributing poppies and raising awareness, especially on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, so our veterans know we care about them
- Practicing leadership by organizing service projects
- Earning service patches while learning about ALA programs
- Demonstrating responsibility for future scholarships, college, or military service applications

There are awards given each year to Junior members, such as:

- Rising Star Juniors – Rising Star Junior Award recognizes our younger members and their active participation in the ALA's mission for ages 8-13.

- Junior Member of the Year – The Junior Member of the Year scholarship rewards ALA Junior members who are contributing to the organization and our mission, with a long-term goal of increasing Junior participation and could win a $5,000 scholarship from nationals or a $1,000 scholarship from divisions.

Applicants must submit a narrative describing the Junior member's activities and accomplishments during the award year, June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027. The narrative should be supported by photographs, screenshots, and other documentation that demonstrates the Junior's participation in American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) programs, events, and activities.

If anyone has a junior member that they feel would qualify, please let me know and I can assist you with the application process.

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Other programs and awards include:



ALA Junior Activities Patch Program

Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as school-aged Sons of the American Legion members who often work alongside Juniors, may earn patches for activities in ALA programs, such as Poppy, Leadership, Americanism, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, and more. Participating in the Patch Program is a terrific way to be involved in learning about the Auxiliary and our Legion Family, volunteering in the community, and serving our country's veterans.

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program (per division)

Department Award: Best Department Junior Activities Program (per division)

Please know that I am here to help however I can. If you have any questions or need assistance along the way, don't hesitate to reach out. I am happy to support you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hallberg
ALA Idaho Department Chair for Junior Activities

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Resources from National

Log into the National website to access these items:

- **National Awards Form Link**: https://www.legion-aux.org/National-Awards-Form
- **ALA Junior Members:** https://member.legion-aux.org/juniors

Helpful Websites

- **Junior Activities: https://www.legion-aux.org/Tags/%20%22Junior%20Activities%22**
- **Rising Star Juniors: https://www.legion-aux.org/Rising-Star-Juniors**
- **Junior Member of the Year: https://www.legion-aux.org/Junior-Member-of-the-Year**
- **Junior Patch Program: https://www.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Junior-Member-Activities/Patch-Program**