



Junior Activities Patch Program

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Regardless of where one lives, and whether she belongs to an active Junior group, Junior Auxiliary members can 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 accomplish in order to earn a specific patch. When the activities are completed, an adult or Senior member must sign the form to verify that the Junior has met the patch criteria.

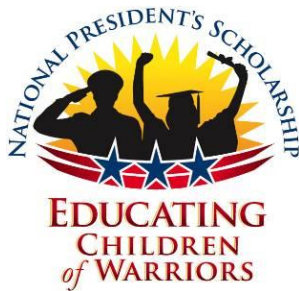
There are three levels of patch criteria:

- Red—Level 1: Kindergarten through 3rd grade
- Gold—Level 2: 4th grade through 8th grade
- Blue—Level 3: 9th grade through 12th grade (or 18 years old)

**Please send completed forms to your
Department Junior Activities Chairman.**

Additional Patch Sheets are available at:
www.ALAforVeterans.org

For questions and comments, please contact the
National Junior Activities Committee at
junioractivities@ALAforVeterans.org or 317-569-4500



SPECIAL JUNIOR PATCH

The National Presidents' Scholarship provides scholarships to deserving children of our nation's veterans and servicemembers who have sacrificed greatly due to their parents' dedication to defending America and our values.

A special Junior patch has been created for our Junior members to be involved in raising money for the National Presidents' Scholarship Fund. Help get the word out to all our Junior members! We hope every Junior will be involved in some activity to raise money for scholarships, which are funded by the Educating Children of Warriors Fund. Most Juniors will become eligible for this scholarship, so they may be personally impacted by their fundraising efforts.

Any Junior can earn this patch if she raises at least \$5 for each year she is old. For example, a 17-year-old would raise a minimum of $17 \times \$5 = \85 .

Donations can be raised a variety of ways. Juniors can solicit donations from family, friends, Legion Family members or contribute themselves. Fundraising activities can be coordinated, such as bake sales or other sales, etc. Funds can be raised individually or as a group, but each Junior receiving this patch needs to have raised the required minimum funds for their age. The goal is for the youth of our organization to be involved and aware of the scholarship project. Checks should be made out to *National Treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary with National Presidents' Scholarship* in the memo line.

Get involved today!

To receive the patch, complete the following and send it with the donation to:
American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters
Attn: Development
8945 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Name of Junior: _____ Age: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Amount raised: \$ _____ (\$5/year of age) Department of: _____

Optional: Tell us about how you raised the money (You may use the back of the page if needed):



AMERICANISM PATCH

GOLD LEVEL 2

(Grade 4th-8th)

Educate yourself about the rights and responsibilities of an American citizen

Level 2: Ten (10) possibilities; Two* (2) activities are required; Four (4) activities are your choice. A total of Six (6) must be completed from the Ten (10) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	Participate in a patriotic program in your school, community or Auxiliary unit. Write a short paragraph to explain your activity and attach to this patch sheet.		
2	Learn to sign the Pledge of Allegiance and teach it to someone else (at school, in your unit or church group).		
3	Research the early history of the American flag and share the story with two adults.		
4	Enter the Americanism Essay Contest for your age group.		
5	Be an active member of another youth group in your community.		
*6	Write a short essay on what it means to be an American citizen and attach it to this form.		
7	Learn how to properly fold and advance the American flag and Auxiliary banner.		
*8	Study the history of The Constitution of the United States of America and answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When and where was the Constitution signed? • Who signed the Constitution? 		
9	Learn when and how women obtained the right to vote and report your findings to a Senior member or adult mentor.		
10	Organize and/or participate in a patriotic parade in your neighborhood, community, school or American Legion Post home. (Ex: Have a patriotic holiday parade)		

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PATCH

GOLD LEVEL 2

(Grade 4th-8th)

Enhance the quality of life in your community through caring and sharing

Level 2: Ten (10) possibilities; Two* (2) activities are required; Four (4) activities are your choice. A total of Six (6) must be completed from the Ten (10) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	With the help of an adult, get a library card, check out and read a minimum of six (6) books. Volunteer at least 6 hours at your local library.		
2	Answer the following question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does it mean to be a tutor? Volunteer to tutor for a friend or classmate for eight (8) hours. Keep a log of your time and accomplishments.		
*3	Volunteer to help at school, your church, your unit or in the community at least 15 hours. Keep a log of your volunteer hours, what you did and for whom.		
4	Visit a local senior citizens' home or nursing home and interview at least three (3) residents.		
*5	Write an emergency fire escape plan for your home or school and share it with your family and friends.		
6	Organize a group of your friends to help clean up a park, school area or elderly neighbor's yard.		
7	Learn about recycling in your community and create a plan for your family; recycle for at least three (3) months.		
8	Organize and facilitate a canned food drive and donate the collected items to a homeless shelter or local food pantry.		
9	With the help of an adult, pack a disaster kit for your family and pets.		
10	Participate in or help organize a fire safety course through your local fire department.		

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EDUCATION PATCH

GOLD LEVEL 2

(Grade 4th-8th)

Educate yourself about the rights and responsibilities of an American citizen

Level 2: Nine (9) possibilities; Two* (2) activities are required; Four (4) activities are your choice. A total of Six (6) must be completed from the Nine (9) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	Participate in the "Give 10 to Education" program by collecting at least twenty school supplies for your school.		
2	Teach The Pledge of Allegiance to a younger child.		
3	Research an event in the early history of the United States and share the story with two (2) adults or younger children.		
4	Read a minimum of ten books to younger children.		
5	Raise a minimum of \$15 for the National Presidents' Scholarship. Monies raised should be mailed directly to National Headquarters c/o Development. Submit a copy of the check with this form.		
6	Write an essay on the importance of education in your life and attach to this form.		
*7	Interview a veteran and write a summary. Attach to this form a summary of what you discussed.		
*8	Read a minimum of ten books and write a book report on one of the books to share with an adult. Attach a written log of the books you have read to this form.		
9	Interview a teacher (past or present) and find out why s/he chose teaching as a career. Is this something you would like to do, and why or why not? Discuss the results of the interview and your answers to the questions with an adult.		

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LEADERSHIP PATCH

GOLD LEVEL 2

(Grade 4th-8th)

Learning to be a leader...you are the future of our organization

Level 2: Ten (10) possibilities; Two (2) activities are required; Four (4) activities are your choice. A total of Six (6) must be completed from the Ten (10) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Attend a Junior workshop or meeting and actively participate by volunteering to serve on a committee, or take an office.		
2	List at least five (5) women from you Senior unit, school or church and list the qualities you admire in each of them. Share your list with an adult.		
3	With the help of an adult, write and send a letter to a government official regarding a veteran's issue that you feel passionate.		
4	Learn the basic skills of dealing with strangers, walking alone and emergencies. Share the information with other Junior members.		
5	Create a plan to introduce a family member, unit member or friend to a computer or other technology. Share your plan with an adult, then enact your plan.		
6	Plan a campaign and run for an office in your Junior group or school.		
7	Take the written Junior Auxiliary Leadership Course.		
8	Learn proper protocol for getting recognized to speak or making a motion during an Auxiliary meeting.		
9	Participate in a speech class or contest, essay contest or play.		
*10	Learn and recite the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.		

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MEMBERSHIP PATCH

LEVEL 2

(Grade 4th-8th)

Your eligibility for membership is a gift from a veteran

Level 2: Ten (10) possibilities; Two* (2) activities are required; Four (4) activities are your choice. A total of Six (6) must be completed from the Ten (10) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Learn the criteria for becoming a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.		
*2	Invite three (3) friends to join the American Legion Auxiliary.		
3	Learn ten interesting facts about the American Legion Auxiliary and share them with two (2) adults.		
4	Help your unit or post with a membership drive and hand out Junior membership brochures, available through your department headquarters.		
5	Find a way to celebrate your membership and answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What have you learned as a member? • How can you show your pride? 		
6	Learn the symbolic meaning of the American Legion Auxiliary emblem and explain it to an adult.		
7	Attend your Junior unit meeting or Senior meeting at least six (6) times during the year.		
8	Tell a short history of the American Legion Auxiliary to your church group or other service group.		
9	Learn what benefits are available to members of the American Legion Auxiliary.		
10	Wear your Auxiliary membership pin to at least three (3) public or school functions. Be prepared to explain its meaning and purpose.		

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NATIONAL SECURITY PATCH

GOLD LEVEL 2

(Grade 4th-8th)

Educate yourself about Emergency Preparedness

Level 2: Ten (10) possibilities; Two* (2) activities are required; Four (4) activities are your choice. A total of Six (6) must be completed from the Ten (10) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Prepare a list of emergency numbers and put in a convenient place in your home.		
*2	With the help of an adult, draw a home fire escape plan and conduct a home fire drill.		
3	Organize a canned food drive for your local food pantry.		
4	Research blood donation. Write a 100-word essay on why it is important and attach it to this form.		
5	Organize a pet food drive for your local animal rescue shelter.		
6	Locate the closest CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and report to an adult your findings and three (3) things they do.		
7	Visit www.stopbullying.gov with an adult. Learn about cyberbullying and make a poster to display at your school with permission.		
8	Participate in a Yellow Ribbon event with your Unit, according to the ALA's Plan of Action (National Security program).		
9	With the help of an adult, make and send cards to our servicemembers stationed overseas (for example: Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas).		
10	With the help of an adult, visit McGruff the Crime Dog's website and report what you learned - http://www.mcgruff.org		

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PHYSICAL FITNESS PATCH

GOLD LEVEL 2

(Grade 4th-8th)

Taking care of our bodies and minds

Level 2: Nine (9) possibilities; Two* (2) activities are required; Four (4) activities are your choice. A total of Six (6) must be completed from the Nine (9) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	Get involved in school sports, band, junior shooting sports or other activities. Participate in your chosen activities for at least three (3) months.		
2	Participate in outdoor family activities, such as hiking, camping, softball, etc.		
3	Participate in physical education at your school.		
4	Give up soft drinks for one (1) month.		
5	Eat a well-balanced meal at least once a day using the food pyramid for guidance.		
*6	With the help of an adult, do yard work for a neighbor who needs assistance.		
7	Encourage other Junior members to participate in some type of physical activity.		
8	Work with your school, unit or church to plan a health fair. In addition, contact your local health department and share your plans.		
*9	Join the President's Challenge for Fitness at www.presidentschallenge.org.		

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POPPY PATCH GOLD LEVEL 2

(Grade 4th-8th)

The symbol of sacrifices our veterans have made

Level 2: Ten (10) possibilities; Two* (2) activities are required; Four (4) activities are your choice. A total of Six (6) must be completed from the Ten (10) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	To better understand the sacrifices of our veterans, research how poppies are made and by whom.		
2	Tell the story of the poppy to your Junior unit, friends or family members.		
3	Find two ways to educate Senior or Junior members about the Poppy program and inform them.		
*4	Read the Poppy Story and “In Flanders Fields” and write a short story about your feelings. Attach it to this form.		
5	With a family member or Junior advisor, make poppy tray favors and distribute them to a VA Hospital, VA Home or nursing home.		
6	Create a poppy window display for your unit or Post.		
7	Wear a poppy for five (5) days during Poppy Week. When asked, tell the story of the poppy.		
*8	Learn five (5) facts about the poppy and share them with an adult.		
9	With a family member or Junior advisor, distribute poppies and explain what they symbolize.		
10	Mail or deliver a poppy to your elected city officials, along with a letter explaining its meaning. Ask them to wear it during Poppy Week to honor our veterans.		

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TECHNOLOGY PATCH GOLD LEVEL 2 (Grade 4th-8th)

Empowering our youth as they guide others with technology

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Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Research internet safety and write an internet safety pledge. Give a copy to your parents/guardians.		
2	Create a plan to introduce a family member, ALA member or friend to the internet. Enact your plan.		
3	Determine two tools of internet usage that you use daily and explain those benefits to two Senior members that don't use the internet.		
4	Make and send cards to servicemembers stationed overseas.		
5	Email the National President and let her know how excited you are to be a member of this great organization and why.		
6	Show an adult how to text message. Explain the advantages and disadvantages.		
7	Tutor an adult in email use and safety. Help them create an email account, send/receive emails & how to attach a file/photos.		
*8	Research ALA membership eligibility online & report what you've found to an adult. Print out membership application & recruit two new Junior members.		
9	Share your Facebook or other social network page with a friend or family member not familiar with social networking. Help create their own page & become "friends".		
10	With the help of an adult, visit McGruff the Crime Dog's website and report what you learned - http://www.mcgruff.org		

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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION PATCH GOLD LEVEL 2

(Grade 4th-8th)

We assist and enhance the lives of those who have served our country

Level 2: Thirteen (13) possibilities; Two* (2) activities are required; Four (4) are your choice. A total of Six (6) must be completed from the Nine (9) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	Research the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival and explain to your Junior group or unit what it does for veterans.		
2	With an adult, visit a VA Hospital, VA home or nursing home. Ask the veterans to tell you about places they have traveled.		
3	Write a report on "What is a Veteran" and share it with your unit, school or church.		
*4	Send eight (8) greeting cards to hospitalized or ill veterans.		
5	Participate in National Salute to Hospitalized Veteran Patients (week of February 14) to help honor and thank veterans.		
6	Volunteer to help a veteran or their family with yard work or chores.		
*7	Research three (3) other organizations that help veterans.		
8	Write a letter to the American Legion Auxiliary National President and tell her why you appreciate our veterans.		
9	Participate in a stand down for homeless veterans in your community.		
10	Adopt a veteran or veterans' home in your community for a period of no less than three (3) months. Visit, send them cards, gifts, etc.		
11	Participate in a special holiday program for veterans through your school, unit or church.		
12	Participate in Make a Difference Day and plan your activity around veterans.		
13	With help from your family, unit members, church or school, start a group to adopt deployed service members and send them letters and presents.		

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