



American Legion Auxiliary National Education Monthly Newsletter

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ALA Education

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ALA Academy

www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-Academy

Homeschooling groups are growing in popularity in the United States and there is an opportunity for us as the American Legion Auxiliary to engage with these students and their families.

According to the National Home Education Institute there were about 3.1 million homeschool students in 2021-2022 in grades K-12 in the United States (roughly 6% of school-age children).

There were about 2.5 million homeschool students in spring 2019 (or 3% to 4% of school-age children) [note 1]. The homeschool population had been growing at an estimated 2% to 8% per annum over the past several years, but it grew drastically from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021.

With the increase of homeschool students and a need for students to connect with civics education, community service opportunities and a flexible schedule, our units can be a valuable resource for them.

For more information on homeschooling and how to find groups near you, check out these resources:

National Homeschool Association

www.nationalhomeschoolassociation.com

Homeschool.com (to locate groups near you)

www.homeschool.com

Homeschooler's Network (to find a network in your area)

www.homeschoolersnetwork.com



Thank you for all your hard work judging the scholarships!! Below is this years number of scholarships received.

- Children of Warriors National Presidents' scholarship – **1,060**
 - Up from 864 last year
- Non-Traditional Student – **92**
 - Up from 12 last year
- Spirit of Youth – **81**
 - Department winners will receive \$1,000 this year!
 - 35 departments are represented.

Winner will be notified via US Postal Service in early May and will also be posted on our website at <https://www.legion.org/scholarships>.

Other Important Dates

- **Purple Up! Day for Military Children** – April 15, 2024
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - May 6-10, 2024
- **Department year-end reports** - May 15, 2024



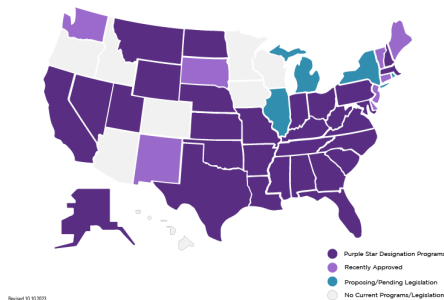
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Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is the national advocate for Purple Star Schools, a program that supports military-connected children as they relocate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station.

Military children move every two to three years. The Purple Star School program is designed to help schools respond to the educational and social-emotional challenges military-connected children face during their transition to a new school and keep them on track to be college, workforce, and life-ready. Military-connected refers to children of service members on active duty, and in the National Guard and Reserves.

MCEC is the nation's most complete resource for states seeking to start a Purple Star School program. We stand ready to offer guidance and serve in a consultative role every step of the way. As of October 10, 2023, 38 states have received Purple Star School designation, and four states have proposed/pending legislation:



Several of our Auxiliary Departments/Units are working with Purple Star Schools in their state.

Check with your State Department of Education for Purple Star Schools in your area.

Learn more about the Purple Star School programs in **Texas**, **Tennessee**, **Virginia**, **Ohio**, **Arkansas**, **South Carolina**, **North Carolina**, **Georgia** (called Military Flagship Schools), and **Indiana**.

<https://www.militarychild.org/purplestarschools>

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