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Hello District Education Professors and Unit Teachers!

As Education Chairmen our primary focus is to continue reaching those in our communities who will most greatly benefit from the National and Department scholarship opportunities that this particular program offers to college-bound students – for those graduating from high school, as well as for adults who are returning to college to obtain a degree after an absence. Our goal for this program component is to ensure that all high school and community college scholarship counselors in your respective areas receive information and application packets for scholarships offered by the American Legion Auxiliary. In the next few days each District Education Chair will be mailed a packet that contains the 2021 Scholarship applications for both National and Department scholarships.

District Education Chairmen are asked to provide Scholarship packets for each of their Unit Education Chairmen. Once received, Unit Chairmen are asked to contact Scholarship counselors at local schools this fall by phone or email, to review rules and eligibility information for each scholarship. It is especially important that counselors are aware of application deadlines. Plan to follow up with counselors in January to answer any questions they may have. Please remember that ALA scholarship opportunities are often missed simply because the college-bound student is not aware of what is offered or available – and that is on us if we fail to share the information with the schools.

All 2021 scholarship applications are also online – for both National and Department—and will be found on our website at www.calegionaux.org/Education/Scholarships. National scholarship applications can now be completed by the student online, then downloaded and printed before submitting same to the **Unit Education Chairman**.

This year each scholarship application packet contains an **Application Packet Checklist**. **Please Note: The Unit Education Chairman (or Unit President) is responsible for verifying that each packet submitted contains the materials noted on the Checklist BEFORE submitting it to the Department Secretary. Incomplete packets will automatically be disqualified.**

**National and Department scholarship applications must be received by the
Unit Education Chair no later than March 1, 2021.
The Unit Chairman will forward verified packets to the Department Secretary
by March 15, 2021.**

We also need to continue focusing on funding for scholarships! Units and Districts are encouraged to donate to the Department Education Fund to ensure that we have ample funding for scholarships this year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need more information on scholarships and/or the application process.

Until next time, please promote the Education program in your communities!

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