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American Legion Auxiliary Foundation

"The American Legion Auxiliary Foundation positively impacts the lives of our veterans, military, and their families by funding programs of the American Legion Auxiliary today and for future generations."

www.alafoundation.org

The logo for the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. It features three horizontal lines above the word "AMERICAN", followed by "LEGION" in a larger font, "AUXILIARY" in a smaller font, and "FOUNDATION" in the largest font. All text is in a bold, sans-serif typeface.



Some of Your Questions Answered!

ALA Department of New York
Mid-Winter Convention
Saturday, January 17, 2026

Cathe MacInnes, ALAF Board President
Terri Wallace, ALAF Board Treasurer

What Funds support the ALA Foundation?

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This fund is permanently restricted so that the interest and dividends earned may benefit ALA programs that support our veterans, promote education, and encourage good citizenship.

The Veterans Creative Arts Festival Fund assists veterans in healing from both their physical and psychological wounds through visual and performing arts.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FOUNDATION FUNDS



This fund supports one time needs through the Veteran Projects Fund granting initiative.

How does the Foundation raise money for the Funds?

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

Veteran's Day

- November 11
- Make a gift in honor of a service member
- All donations benefit Veteran Projects Fund

Giving Tuesday

- December 1
- Change the future by honoring the past
- All donations benefit Veteran Projects Fund

Celebrating Women of Service

- March 8
- Make a gift in honor of an influential woman in your life
- All donations benefit the Mission Endowment Fund

Wall of Heroes

- Aug 31 - Sept 2
- On-site at National Convention
- All donations benefit the Mission Endowment Fund

**How can I donate?
How can my Unit, County
or District donate?**

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HOW TO GIVE

Every gift makes an impact, is deeply valued, and goes toward supporting the Veteran Projects Fund, Veterans Creative Arts Festival, or the Mission Endowment Fund.

- Online at www.ALAFoundation.org
- Text "ALAF" to 1-844-940-3450
- Mail check to:
ALA Foundation, 3450 Founders Road,
Indianapolis, IN 46268



**Is there an easy way to become a
monthly donor?**

HOW TO BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR



Empower Veterans and Their Families: Donate Today

Since 2007, the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation has been positively impacting the lives of veterans, military, and their families by funding programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. These efforts are made possible by the ongoing philanthropic support and volunteerism of ALA members and nonmembers alike. Every gift makes an impact, is deeply valued, and goes toward supporting the Veteran Projects Fund, Veterans Creative Arts Festival, or the Mission Endowment Fund.

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Select a gift designation < select a fund >

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**What grants are available for ALA Units,
Counties, Districts or Departments to
apply for?**

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GRANTS TO ALA UNITS, COUNTIES, DISTRICTS AND DEPARTMENTS

Veteran Projects Fund

A new, one-time need for your local veterans or active military.

Veterans Creative Arts Festival

Available for a local Veterans Creative Arts Festival or art therapy courses that feed into the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

Sub Grants

ALA units, districts/counties, or departments that have identified a source for grant funding from a foundation or corporation that requires the recipient to be a 501(c)(3) can have the ALA Foundation serve as the recipient.

GRANTS TO ALA UNITS, COUNTIES, DISTRICTS AND DEPARTMENTS

Quarter	Submission Dates	Review Dates	Funding Awarded
Q1	December 21 – March 20 (1pm EST)	April	June
Q2	March 21 – June 20 (1pm EST)	July	September
Q3	June 21 – September 20 (1pm EST)	October	December
Q4	September 21 – December 20 (1pm EST)	January	March

**Does the ALA Foundation
award other grants?**

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GRANTS TO ALA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

ALA Girls Nation

Two participants are chosen from each ALA Girls State program to participate in this weeklong event held in Washington D.C. The girls are known as “senators.” During ALA Girls Nation, the girls participate in a mock legislature. They are responsible for submitting bills and resolutions, participating in senate sessions, and electing officials such as president and vice president.

The ALA Foundation has awarded **\$267,000** to ALA

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

Each year the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the ALA co-present the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival where veterans enrolled at VA health care facilities showcase their talents in creative arts competitions.

The ALA Foundation has awarded **\$596,000** to NVCAF since 2014.

GRANTS TO ALA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Spirit of Youth

The Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund supports educational opportunities for participants in American Legion Auxiliary programs. Currently, the ALA funds 67 Spirit of Youth scholarships annually.

In FY25, the ALA Foundation granted \$20,000 to Spirit of Youth scholarships for the first time and will grant \$45,000 in FY26.

**Has New York ever been awarded funds
from the ALA Foundation?**

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GRANTS TO NEW YORK

The ALA Foundation has funded 5 Veteran Projects Fund grants totaling \$35,432 and 11 Veterans Creative Arts Festival grants totaling \$18,878 to New York.

Recipients include:

- The Department of New York
- ALA 6th District
- Unit 1524
- Unit 1450
- Unit 927
- Unit 876
- Unit 721



What is the process for applying to serve on the ALA Foundation Board?



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING ON THE BOARD?

The ALA Foundation is looking for individuals to serve for a three-year term on its board of directors. This group builds, promotes, and sustains the ALA Foundation by connecting with supporters and volunteers, all while raising funds to support the programs and services of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The application will go live in February and the deadline to apply is March 31st.

How can we access more information?

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 (317) 569-4500

 **www.alafoundation.org**

For additional contact information, access the Red Book in the member portal here:
<https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Electronic-Red-Book-Directory>

Thank you!

**We hope we answered
some of your questions!**

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