2026-2027 American Legion Auxiliary
Department of New York
Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)

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The purpose of the AEF Committee is to raise funds for and promote knowledge about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary up to $3,000 as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

  - Share information about AEF grants at meetings, in newsletters, and on social media pages.
  - Share application and donation links with department and unit members.
- Members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained annual membership for three consecutive years (the current year applied and immediate past two years) and have not been awarded an AEF grant (hardship or disaster) in the previous twelve months are eligible to apply for a grant.
  - Encourage unit members to pay their annual dues in a timely manner and pay directly to ALA National Headquarters to avoid a lapse in membership and being ineligible for AEF assistance.
- Grant funds may be awarded only for past/overdue expenses related to retaining their primary shelter, essential household utilities, and/or a documented loss of income due to medical and/or employment reasons.
  - Share the correct AEF hardship application with unit members linked above. No other AEF application type will be accepted.
- AEF funds may be used to provide emergency assistance to eligible Auxiliary members whose primary residence has been devastated by disaster, including flood, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, fire, or another catastrophic event. Reimbursable expenses with itemized receipts will be considered for only essential emergency expenditures up to three weeks after incident/disaster.
  - Share the correct AEF disaster application with unit members. No other AEF application will be accepted.

DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND AWARD

THE BARBARA A. CORKER AWARD: A certificate to the Unit that contributed the largest single donation for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, deadline is May 1st into the Department Headquarters.

2026-2027 NATIONAL AEF AWARDS

All AEF awards are determined by reports generated by the National Headquarters on donations received from departments, units, and ALA members from June 1 – May 31.

Unit Award: Unit and Unit Members Contributing the Largest Total Annual Amount (per capita) Award based on donations received from June 1 – May 31.
Department Award: Department Contributing the Largest Total Annual Amount. This award includes donations made by the department, and units and members of that state. Award based on donations received from June 1 – May 31.

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For the annual AEF awards, an individual ALA member's donation counts towards their unit's total donation and the unit's total donations also counts towards the department's total donation. ALL AEF donations must be received by May 31 at the National Headquarters to be counted toward the annual AEF awards.

National Awards Form Link: https://www.legion-aux.org/National-Awards-Form

Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Memorial Contribution

In Memory of_____

Contribution $_____

Donor Name_____

Unit Name & Number_____

Send to Department Office: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York
1580 Columbia Turnpike, Bldg. #1, Suite #3
Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033

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In Honor of Contribution

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Contribution $_____

Honoree's Name_____

Unit Name & Number_____

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2026-2027 UNIT AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND REPORT FORM

Reporting Dates: □ November 1, 2026 □April 1, 2027

Unit Chairman_____

Address_____

E-mail_____Phone#_____

Unit: _____County: _____District: _____

_____ **Unit does not have an Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman**

1. Total Unit Contributions $_____

2. Total Memorial Contributions $_____

3. Grand total of all Contributions $_____

4. Total hours members volunteered _____ Volunteer hour $36.14

5. Number of military families served: _____

6. Number of AEF Applications submitted_____

Describe special activities to raise funds for this committee: write on back or attach page

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****** YOU MUST FILL IN THIS INFORMATION FOR IMPACT REPORTS *****

2. Our ALA Service for Military Families

I Impact Report Line#	**Service for Military Families**	**Obtain Total From**		**Total**
Line 8	Total **hours** members volunteered	*** Line 4**		
Line 9	Total dollars spent	*** Line 3**		$
Line 10	Number of military families served	*** Line 5**		

Send to your County Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman

Keep a copy for your records

2026-2027 COUNTY AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND REPORT FORM

Reporting Dates: □ November 10, 2026 □April 10, 2027

County Chairman_____

Address_____

E-mail_____Phone#_____

County_____District_____

_____ County does not have an Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman

1. Total Unit Contributions $_____ # of Units Reporting: _____

2. Total Memorial Contributions $_____

3. Grand total of all Contributions $_____

4. Total hours members volunteered _____ Volunteer hour $36.14

5. Number of military families served: _____

6. Number of AEF Applications submitted_____

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