

## **JUNIOR RULES AND AWARDS FOR JUNIOR CONFERENCE**

### **JUNIOR AMERICANISM PICTURE BOOK**

Classifications: Class I – Tiny Tots – 8 years Class II – 9 – 12 years Class III – 13 - 17 years

1. May be a scrapbook or a 3-ring notebook.
2. Must contain at least 10 pages. ( Title page and 9 others)
3. There needs to be one article about which Americanism program they participated in, attended holiday parade, handed out flags, stated the pledge in school etc.
4. The rest may be pictures, only one per page. Pictures, newspapers, magazines, computer printouts, hand drawn, colored or painted are accepted. **DO NOT USE THE BACKSIDE OF THE PAGES!**
5. An explanation must be handwritten, printed or typed **BY THE JUNIOR MEMBER** under each picture. Keep it short – one line is fine.
6. One page should contain the lyrics of a Patriotic song, original or copied. One verse is fine.
7. The title page (first sheet) **MUST** contain the Junior's name, age, Class I, II or III, mailing address, Unit name and number, location of Unit, District and Division numbers and Department of Illinois.
8. Judging: Originality ----- 60%, Neatness ----- 40% (Spelling included).

**DUE DATE:** All entries are to be judged on the DISTRICT LEVEL, DISTRICT DATE TO BE SET BY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN. ONLY first place winners are to be brought to Department Junior Conference by the District Chairman or mailed to the Department Americanism Chairman by April 1, 2018.

### **JUNIOR BOOK OF PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS CONTEST**

Classifications: Class I – Through 12 years of age Class II – 13 through 17 years of age

1. Cover 8 ½ x 11, any color, illustrated appropriately. (3 ring binder, paper folder or homemade cover).
2. Contents: Prefer typed or printed, may use both sides of the paper. May be handwritten. One prayer or thought per page.
3. First page must include:
  - A. American Legion Auxiliary Emblem
  - B. Unit name, number, District and Department
  - C. Name of Junior President, if organized, state if unorganized
  - D. Name of Junior Chaplain, if organized, state if unorganized
  - E. Date ----- 2017 – 2018
4. Book to contain two sections
  - A. Prayers
  - B. Devotional Thoughts

Each prayer or thought is to have name of author or name of person submitting, if different from author.

5. Last page to contain only:
  - A. Number of members submitting material for book
  - B. Total number of Junior members of Unit
  - C. Written signature, name, address and age of Junior submitting entry.
6. Basis of Judging:

A.	Prayer and Devotional Sections	35%
B.	Percentage of members participating	10%
C.	Content and Originality	25%
D.	Neatness	15%
E.	*Illustrations	15%

\*Pictures in papers or magazines, hand drawn, colored and painted pictures are a few examples of what can be used.

DUE DATE: All entries are to be judged on the DISTRICT LEVEL, DISTRICT DATE TO BE SET BY THE DISTRICT JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN. ONLY first place winners are to be brought to Department Junior Conference by the District Junior Activities Chairman or mailed to the Department Chaplain to be received by April 1, 2018.

### **PRESS BOOK CONTEST**

Classifications: Class I - through 12 years of age    Class II – 13 through 17 years of age

1. Junior Unit Press coverage is from April 2017-March 2018.
2. No specific type of book will be required, you may purchase one locally, but the size not to exceed 12"X15".
3. The Junior Unit Press Book should contain a fly leaf page which must include the following, Name of Department, Unit name, number and the name, address and age of the Junior Unit Public Relations Chairman, or if an unorganized group, the Junior compiling the book.
4. A narrative of 1,000 words or less of Junior Public relations program and how they promoted their activities.
5. News articles and printed pictures (no actual photographs) from daily, weekly or monthly newspapers. Do not underline or highlight anything.
6. Photocopies of newspaper clippings are not allowed.
7. Arrange press clipping according to date of publications (chronological order). Use both sides of each page. All press items MUST have the name of the newspaper and the date of publications; which appear on the page where the article was published placed above the respective article.
8. If press clipping is to long for complete length of press book page, cut at the end of a paragraph, and affix remainder of article alongside first portion.
9. Unit press books are to include only news of the UNIT. News items may be included of County, District, Division or Department only when the Unit is involved. The Press Book should tell the story of how the programs of the America Legion Auxiliary were promoted within your Junior Unit. Judging of all press books is to be on content of material, neatness and general appearance.
10. DUE DATE: All entries must be judged on the District level, deadline date to be set by the District Chairman. ONLY first place winners are to be brought to Department Junior Conference by the District Junior Activities Chairman or mailed to be received by April 1, 2018 to the Department Public Relations Chairman.

### **MUSIC PARODY CONTEST**

Classifications: Class I – through 12 years of age

Class II – 13 through 17 years of age

A Musical parody is a song in which the original music is given different words to create a new meaning. This may be funny, or of a serious nature. Juniors help us come up with some new songs for the year. There are first and second place awards for each class to the Junior member writing the best Patriotic or Department President's Theme Parody. Juniors must send: your copy of words, a copy of the written music score used, and you must include:

1. Your name and address
2. Unit name, number and address
3. Your age and Class I or Class II

Send Parodies to the Department Music Chairman.

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS and REHABILITATION CONTEST**

### **CONTEST 1 – PAPERWORK**

Classifications: Class I – Tiny Tots through 8 years                      Class II – 9 through 12 years

This contest will consist of any five articles made of regular paper, construction paper or cardboard. There is no stipulation as to what the five articles must be. Bits of trim may be used, but the basic items **MUST BE PAPER**. Articles such as place cards, tray favors, nut cups, gift tags, place mats, greeting cards (to name a few) may be entered. Items mentioned can be distributed to hospitalized veterans or in nursing homes.

### **CONTEST 2 – HANDCRAFT**

Classifications: Class I – 9 through 12 years                      Class II – 13 through 17 years

Any five articles of handwork or handcraft (except paper articles). Again, no stipulation is made as to what articles must be. Suggestions are slippers, stuffed toys, and articles of sewing, knitting, crocheting, needlework, etc. may be entered.

#### **Rules to be followed for both contests:**

1. Groups may participate in any of the two contests and age groups. Participation in group entries must all be within the proper age classification.
2. All articles in the display must be planned and begun at a meeting of a Junior Group, but may be completed at the home of a Junior member.
3. Each article in both contests must include and have securely attached to it:
  - A. Contest I or II
  - B. What the article is
  - C. Where the article was made
  - D. How many were provided to a hospital or nursing home
  - E. District number
  - F. Unit name and number
  - G. Unit address
1. Keep the entry as small as possible considering display space and transporting purposes.
2. Your name and address.
3. Your Unit name, number and address.
4. Your age and Class I or II (two groups – up to 12, and 13 – 17.)
5. Basis for judging:
  - A. Articles must be suitable for use in hospitals and nursing homes 35%
  - B. Workmanship and skill 25%
  - C. Originality of design 25%
  - D. General appearance, attractiveness and neatness 15%
1. All entries must be judged on the District level, deadline to be set by District Chairman.
2. Only first place winners in each class are to be brought to Department Junior Conference by the District Junior Activities Chairman.

**Valentines for Veterans – A Certificate will be presented at Junior Conference to each Junior making at least 10 handmade (no computer generated) Valentines for Veterans. A note of verification should be sent to the Department V A & R Chairman by the Unit Junior Activities Chairman before February 28. Hours spent on the Valentines may also be counted as Service To Veterans Hours.**