

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Illinois
Junior Poppy Contest Rules 2017 - 2018**

All entries MUST be judged at the Unit level: all first place entries from EACH Unit are to be brought to the Junior Conference -- NO DISTRICT ELIMINATION!! (Poppy poems are to be mailed to the chairman; see last line of page 2.)

*****ONLY Official Illinois Poppies are to be used with the paper tags removed*****

Awards will be given in each contest for each class as follows:

1st Place - \$5.00

2nd Place - \$3.00

3rd Place - \$2.00

Classifications:

Class I - 6 through 12 years of age

Class II - 13 through 17 years of age

It is the responsibility of the Unit Junior Activity Chairman or their designee to bring the winning entries to the Junior Conference and pick up all entries at the close of the Conference (with the exception of first place winners which will be on display at Department Convention).

IMPORTANT - You will need index cards for each entry. On the inside of the index card, print the name of the contest, contestant's name, home address, class number, Unit and District numbers. Fold in half and punch a hole at the top right hand corner. On the outside of the folded index card, print the class number, name of the contest, and scotch tape the opening so that no one will be able to read the contestant's name. Attach securely with string to the entry.

POPPY CORSAGE CONTEST

1. All corsages must contain no more than 12 official Illinois Poppies.

POPPY TRAY FAVORS

1. A **minimum of 5** official Illinois Poppies are to be used.
2. NO glass or metal containers.

POPPY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

1. The floral arrangement should be made so it can be used in an appropriate setting in your home. It should be done in good taste with the focal point being directed toward the Poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible (i.e. wall hanging, table centerpiece, fireplace basket, foyer, kitchen, holiday, etc.)
2. A **minimum of 25 and not more than 200** official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.

POPPY APPAREL CONTEST

1. You may use any type of clothing or accessory (i.e. polo shirt, T-shirt, sweatshirt, jacket, skirt, belt, bag, pants, hat, etc.)
2. Must be decorated in good taste with the focal point directed toward the Official Illinois Poppy.
3. The design may be put on with paint, embroidery, cutouts, beads, sequins, etc.

POPPY POEM CONTEST

1. The poem is to be written by a Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary.
2. Subject must be about the little red Poppy, which grew in France at Flanders Field and is reproduced by Disabled Veterans and offered to the public during Poppy Days.
3. Title — the poem must have a fitting title (need not mention Poppy).
4. Composition — contest is open to all kinds of verses. Poems should be a minimum of **12 lines and not more than 30 lines**.
5. The word "Buddy Poppy" or "buy" **cannot** be used in the poem.
6. The poem is eligible if it has not been entered into any other competition.
7. Under the poem, on the same sheet of paper, must appear the member's name, home address, Unit name and number, District number, AND be identified as a JUNIOR entry.
8. All poems must be postmarked by April 1, 2018, and sent to Barbara Ziegenweide, 317 Merchants Ave., #6, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, 53538.