

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Illinois
Junior Poppy Contests and Rules 2018-2019

All entries must be judged at the Unit level EXCEPT POPPY POEM AND POPPY HAT (See below). 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 their winning entries to the Junior Conference and pick up all entries at the close of the Conference. It is also their responsibility to bring the first-place winners to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy display room by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning. This allows the convention body to view our winning Junior's projects.

Each entry must have an index card attached with the following required information:

- On the **inside** of the card, print the name of the contest (i.e.: Corsage, Tray Favors, Apparel, etc.), contestant's name, home address, Unit and District numbers.
- Fold the card in half and punch a hole at the top right-hand corner.
- On the **outside** of the folded index card **print** the name of the contest (i.e.: Corsage, Tray Favors, Apparel, etc.), Class number (I or II), and scotch tape the opening so that no one will be able to read the contestants' name. Attach securely with string to the entry.

Poppy Corsage Contest

1. All corsages must contain no more than 12 poppies.

Poppy Tray Favors

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

*****NEW***Poppy Floral Arrangement Contest-Hanging Non-Holiday**

1. The floral arrangement should be made so it can be used in an appropriate setting. It should be done in good taste with the focal point being directed towards the Poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible as long as it can be hung on the wall or from the ceiling.
2. A minimum of 25 and not more than 150 official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.

*****NEW***Poppy Floral Arrangement Contest-Table-Non-Holiday**

1. The floral arrangement should be made so it can be used in an appropriate setting. It should be done in good taste with the focal point being directed towards the Poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible as long as it can sit to be displayed and NOT hung.
2. A minimum of 25 and not more than 150 official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.

*****NEW***Poppy Floral Arrangement Contest-Holiday Hanging**

1. The floral arrangement should be made so it can be used in an appropriate setting. It should be done in good taste with the focal point being directed towards the Poppy. Any type of floral

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arrangement is eligible as long as it can be hung on the wall or from the ceiling and represents any holiday of your choice.

2. A minimum of 25 and not more than 150 official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.

*****NEW***Poppy Floral Arrangement Contest-Holiday Table**

1. The floral arrangement should be made so it can be used in an appropriate setting. It should be done in good taste with the focal point being directed towards the Poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible as long as it can sit to be displayed and NOT hung and represents any holiday of your choice.
2. A minimum of 25 and not more than 150 official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.

*****NEW***Poppy Apparel Contest-anything EXCEPT Hat**

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

*****NEW***Poppy Hat**

1. You may use any type of hat or headwear.
2. Must be decorated in good taste with the focal point being directed toward the official Illinois Poppy.
3. The design may be put on with paint, embroidery, cutouts, beads, sequins, etc.

Poppy Poem Contest ALL entries sent to Dept Chairman, NO UNIT ELIMINATION

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 (Does not need to use the word Poppy in the title).
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. Send a copy of your poem postmarked by April 1, 2019, to Michelle L Woodburn; 201 S Maple St, El Paso, IL 61738; 812-305-2164; michellelwoodburn@gmail.com