

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Illinois
Junior Poppy Contest Rules 2023 - 2024**

All entries MUST be judged at the Unit level, except for the Poppy Poem contest. Poppy Poems are to be mailed to the Department Chairman (address is under Poppy Poem.). All first place entries from EACH Unit are to be brought to the Junior Conference. There is NO DISTRICT ELIMINATION.

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

Awards for each contest for each class are 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 (except the first place winners) at the close of the Conference. First place winners will be on display at Department Convention.

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

1. On the **inside** of the index card, print the name of the contest (i.e. Corsage, Floral Arrangement, Holiday Arrangement, Tray Favors, or Apparel), contestant's name, home address, class number, and Unit and District Numbers.
2. Fold the card in half and punch a hole at the top right-hand corner.
3. On the **outside** of the folded index card **print** class number, the name of the contest ((i.e. Corsage, Floral Arrangement, Holiday Arrangement, Tray Favors, or Apparel), and scotch tape the opening so that no one can 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 Floral Arrangement

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 directed toward the official Illinois Poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible (i.e. table centerpiece or wall hanging)
2. A minimum of **25 and not more than 125** official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.

Poppy Holiday Arrangement

1. The holiday arrangement should be made to reflect the appropriate holiday for which it is to be used. It should be done in good taste with the focal point directed toward the official Illinois Poppy.
2. A **minimum of 25 and not more than 125** official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.

Poppy Tray Favors

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

Poppy Apparel Contest

1. You may use any type clothing or accessory (i.e. polo shirt, T-shirt, sweatshirt, jacket, skirt, belt, bag, pants, or 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, bead, sequins, etc.

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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 are assembled by disabled veterans and volunteers.
3. Title – the poem must have a fitting title. You do not need to use the word Poppy in the title.
4. 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 will be disqualified if it has 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 and District name and number AND be identified as a JUNIOR entry.
8. All poems must be postmarked by May 1, 2024 and sent to Susan Heinz-Wojcik 126 Golfview Circle, Prospect Heights, IL 60070. My phone number is 847-913-4998 My email address is heinzwojciks@gmail.com