

## **American Legion Auxiliary**

### **Department of Illinois**

#### **Little Miss Poppy**

**2025-2026**

### **Little Miss Poppy (Ages 6-12) Please check the National website for updates to be considered a candidate for National winner**

2025-2026 – Little Miss Poppy award submissions are now electronic to address postage and material cost considerations. Please refer to the rules below for submission requirements and deadline information. (Department Chairmen will work with the winner after selected to be sure the winner is submitted on time to National)

- Participant must be between 6 and 12 years of age as of June 1 and be a Junior member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Promotional activity of the poppy story must occur through The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the community during the timespan of May 1 of the current year to April 30 of the following year.
- For National Little Miss Poppy consideration, participant must submit a [Little Miss Poppy award electronic application](#) with supporting documentation.
- All entries are due by 5 PM p.m. on March 5, 2026, to the Department Chairman.
- In addition to the information on the award application, please include documentation on the criteria below. Accepted formats are Word document, Google Slides, or .pdf. PowerPoint presentations may also be uploaded via Google Slides. For more information on Google Slides, please visit <https://www.google.com/slides/about/>.

### **Criteria for judging Little Miss Poppy entries:**

- The memorial poppy must be visible in all promotion and publicity submitted.
- There is no specific dress code or dress color for Little Miss Poppy.
- Promotion of the Poppy Program: What did you share and do?
- Publicity of poppy activities (newspapers, radio/TV, etc.).
- Submitted file must include the following information (both pictures and descriptions)
  - What I learned during my time as Little Miss Poppy?
  - How I shared the story of the poppy with my community?
  - What does the poppy mean to me?
  - What activities did I attend to promote the poppy and its meaning?
- Age-appropriate originality with considerations for neatness and creativity.

**Entries must be submitted electronically. Please email to Poppy Chairman, Sandra Kirby  
Email address: [sandra\\_kirby51@yahoo.com](mailto:sandra_kirby51@yahoo.com); Deadline April 10, 2026.**

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Department of Illinois  
Miss Poppy Contest  
2025-2026**

**Miss Poppy (Ages 13-17) – No National Award Available**

- Participant must be between 13-17 years of age as of June 1 and be a Junior member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary.
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**Criteria for judging Miss Poppy entries:**

- The memorial poppy must be visible in all promotion and publicity submitted.
- There is no specific dress code or dress color for Little Miss Poppy.
- Promotion of the Poppy Program: What did you share and do?
- Publicity of poppy activities (newspapers, radio/TV, etc.).
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  - What I learned during my time as Little Miss Poppy?
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