

## CONTEST RULES

### JUNIOR AMERICANISM PICTURE BOOK

Title: " VETERANS AND THE RISING STARS FOR AMERICA "

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).

### 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 ----- 2005 – 2006
4. Book to contain two sections
  - A. Prayers
  - B. Devotional ThoughtsEach prayer or thought to name 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 examples.

**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 Junior Activities Chairman or mailed to the Department Chaplain by April 5, 2006.**

### JUNIOR HISTORY RULES FOR UNIT AND DISTRICT CONTESTS

Classifications: Class I – through 13 years of age  
Class II – 14 through 17 years of age

### INTRODUCTION - (10 Points)

## 1. TITLE PAGE

- A. History of name and number of Unit or District Junior group.
  - B. Name of Junior Historian
  - C. Class I or II and age
  - D. Date: April 15, 2005 – April 7, 2006
2. Forward or Dedication
  3. Picture of Unit, District Junior President (optional). If used should be 5" x 7" black and white or color
  4. Prayer
  5. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
  6. First verse of "The Star Spangled Banner"
  7. Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary

## **HISTORICAL CONTENT** – (50 Points)

Dates: Since awards are presented at Junior Conference and the Junior President is installed at Junior Conference, histories begin with the Junior Conference and end on April 7, 2006.

1. List of Unit, District, Honorary Junior Officers for 2005 – 2006
2. List of elected or appointed Honorary Junior Department Officers for 2005 – 2006
3. List of Honorary Department Junior Chairmen or committee appointments held by members of the Unit or District for 2005 – 2006
4. List of Honorary National Junior Officers and appointed committee members.
5. List of Department or National Junior awards received at the 2005 Department Convention, if any.
6. The signature of the Unit or District Honorary Junior Historian is to immediately follow the final paragraph of the history.

## **APPEARANCE** – (20 Points)

1. Entries should use a soft cover binder with the American Legion Auxiliary Seal centered on the cover or a regulation binder with the imprinted seal. Entries fastened in a plain theme folder will be allowed for Department competition.
2. Type on Plain white paper 8 ½" x 11"
3. Margins should be set as follows: 10 on the left and 75 on the right. Have 1" on top and bottom. Handwritten entries must be in black ink.
4. All pages shall be double-spaced, with the exception of the introductory pages (title page through the Preamble), which shall be single-spaced and centered in the middle of the page.

## **ARRANGEMENT** - (20 Points)

1. Written in narrative form.
2. Clear, concise sentences and correct spelling.
3. No decorations of any kind
4. No newspaper clippings

**DUE DATES** – Department Junior History Awards will be presented at the Department Junior Conference.

Junior Histories are to be brought to the Conference for judging. District Junior Activities Chairman to bring the Histories.

## **AWARDS**

Rae Shaw Plaque - To the best Junior Unit History in Class I

Irene's Eaglettes Plaque – to the best Junior Unit History in Class II

Dot's Apple Dumpling Gang Plaque – to the best Junior District History

## **MUSIC PARODY CONTEST**

Classifications: Class I – through 13 years of age

Class II – 14 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.

1. Write a parody based on one of these themes: either Patriotic or Department President's theme.

2. A copy of the words and the written music score must accompany the parody.
3. Parodies must be judged on the District Level, deadline date to be set by the District Chairman.
4. Only the first place winners are to be brought to Department Junior Conference.

### **JUNIOR POPPY CONTEST RULES**

Classification: Class I – ages 6 through 12 years of age  
Class II – ages 13 through 18 years of age

Juniors are encouraged to read the rules carefully and then decide which contest they wish to enter. Ask your Unit for necessary supplies needed to enter. We look forward to seeing many entries at the Department Junior Conference.

All entries **MUST** be judged at the **DISTRICT LEVEL** and **ONLY the winning entry from each Class brought to the Junior Conference**. Awards will be given in all contests for each Class as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$5.00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$3.00 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$2.00

**A CHANGE HAS BEEN PUT INTO PLACE – IMPORTANT - You will need index cards for each entry. 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 and put a ribbon through and tie to the entry also scotch tape the opening so that no one will be able to read the contestant's name. On the outside of the folded index card print the Class number, and the Name of the Contest.** Too many tags have been lost and some entries put into the wrong category.

It is the responsibility of the DISTRICT CHAIRMAN to bring the winning entries to the Junior Conference and pick up all entries at the close of the Conference (with exception of first place winners, which will be on display at Department Convention). The DISTRICT CHAIRMAN to send a list of all first place winners to Edna LaRue 720 – 61<sup>st</sup> Place, Countryside, IL. 60525-3942 who will be in charge of the Display room checking the list of entries.

**ALL POPPY ENTREIS MUST HAVE THE PAPER TABS REMOVED AND THE POPPY AS THE FOCAL POINT.**

Classifications: Class I is for - 6 through 12 years of age  
Class II is for – 13 through 18 years of age

### **POPPY HAT CONTEST**

1. Contestant should design a hat; suitable to be worn during one of the four seasons and one she would be proud to wear.
2. Hats must display **at least 15 and not more than 25** official Illinois poppies.

### **POPPY CORSAGE CONTEST**

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

### **POPPY TRAY FAVORS**

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

### **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 a focal point being directed toward the poppy.
2. A **minimum of 50 and not more than 150** official Illinois poppies are to be used in the arrangement.

### **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 a focal point directed toward the poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible (i.e. wall hanging, table centerpiece, fireplace basket, foyer, kitchen, etc.)
2. A **minimum of 25 and not more than 200** official Illinois poppies shall be used in each arrangement.

### **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-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. No poem shall be less than 12 lines no more than 30
5. The word “Buddy Poppy” or “buy” cannot be used in the poem.
6. The Poem is eligible if it has not been entered in any other competition.
7. Under the poem, on the sheet of paper, must appear the member’s name, home address, Unit name and number AND be identified as a JUNIOR entry.
8. **NO DISTRICT ELIMINATION IN THIS CONTEST.** All poems must be sent to: Lori Rushing, 606 E. First Street, Homer, IL 61849 by April 1, 2006.

### **MISS POPPY SCRAPBOOK CONTEST**

1. Contestant must be a Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary
2. Classifications: Class I – 6 through 12 years, Class II – 13 through 18 years
3. A narrative not to exceed 100 words on “The Memorial Poppy” must be a part of the scrapbook.
4. A. short autobiography to include name, age, address, parent’s names and Unit name and number must also be a part of the scrapbook.
5. Miss Poppy Scrapbook (8 ½” x 11”) must contain photographs and clippings illustrating how she promoted The American Legion Poppy.
6. Rules for judging the Miss Poppy Scrapbook will be as follows:
  - a. Costume 33 1/3%
  - b. Promotion of Poppy Program 33 1/3%
  - c. Publicity of Poppy Activities 33 1/3%
7. **Miss Poppy contestants Must be in attendance at Department Junior Conference and MUST bring their scrapbooks for display.**
8. Scrapbooks are to be forwarded for judging by **JUNE 1, 2006** to: **Lori Rushing, 606 E. First Street, Homer, IL. 61849.**

Awards for the MISS POPPY CONTEST are as follows:

Department:	Class I and Class II	\$50.00 and Tiara
National:	Class I and Class II	\$50.00 Savings Bond

**\*\*\* Poppy Poster Rules are included in this December packet.** Ask your Unit President for them if interested in entering. Posters must be judged at the local level and forwarded to Department Auxiliary Headquarters before the third Friday of May, 2006.

### **PRESS BOOK CONTEST**

Classifications: Class I - through 13 years of age

Class II – 14 through 17 years of age

1. Junior Unit Press coverage is from April 2005-March 2006.
2. No specific size or type of book will be required, you may purchase one locally.
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. News articles and printed pictures (no actual photographs) from daily, weekly or monthly newspapers. Do not underline or highlight anything.
5. Photocopies of newspaper clippings are not allowed.
6. 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.
7. If press clipping is too long for complete length of press book page, cut at the end of a paragraph, affix remainder of article alongside first portion.
8. 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.

9. 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. PLEASE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE RULES!

### **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
4. Each article must include and have securely attached to it:
  - A. District number
  - B. Unit name and number
  - C. Unit address
5. Keep the entry as small as possible considering display space and transporting purposes.
6. 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%	
7. All entries must be judged on the District level, deadline to be set by District Chairman.
8. Only first place winners in each class are to be brought to Department Junior Conference by the District Junior Activities Chairman.

Now for the Awards - There is a change to The National President's Award for Excellence and more information on the National Junior Activities Trophy. Please follow these rules for the Awards.

### **NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE.**

An award presented to a Junior Group in each Division reporting the most outstanding service project/program worked on by a Junior Group. Entries must be in narrative form; typed, double-spaced, not to exceed 1,500 words describing the service project/program and volunteer activities of the Junior group. The Entry must include the Unit name and number, name of the Junior President and the name and address of the Advisor and the name of the Department. Pictures may be included with your entry. This award will be presented from the convention floor at the 2006 National Convention in Utah. **Entry sent to this Department Junior Activities Chairman by May 5, 2006.** Winning entry will be forwarded to National for competition.

### **UNT PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD**

An award presented to a Unit Junior Activities Chairman in each Division reporting the best overall Junior Activities program including accomplishments in Auxiliary programs. The report is to be in narrative form, 1000 words or less, typed, double-spaced, giving Unit name, number, Junior Activities Chairman's name and address, and the name of the Department. **Entry sent to this Department Junior Activities Chairman by May 5, 2006.** Winning entry will be forwarded to National for competition.

### **JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Each Unit may submit one nominee for Junior Member of the Year to Department Activities Chairman Pat Kowalski, 238 Tilbury Lane, Wheeling, IL. 60090-6610. The rules are as follows:

### **JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD –CONTINUED**

1. Only Junior members in good standing are eligible
2. Current year of membership dues must be paid
3. Each Unit is limited to one nomination.
4. Selection should be based on the outstanding contribution the Junior has made through a program or project other than the office she is holding. (Based on the current year ONLY)
5. Nominee may not be serving as Honorary Department Junior President.
6. Length of membership is not a criteria
7. Her Junior Group will select the Junior nominee with the assistance of the Unit Junior Activities Advisor.
8. Each Junior Group will submit to the Department Junior Activities Chairman the following information.
  - a. Name and complete address of nominee
  - b. Narrative typed, double-spaced, not to exceed 500 words describing nominees accomplishments during the current administrative year.
  - c. Nomination must be signed by Unit Junior Activities Advisor, the Junior President and must include the name of the Department. (Illinois).
  - d. Must be sent to the Department Junior Activities Advisor by April 7, 2006. The Junior Member of the year will be honored at Junior Conference.

### **JUNIORS ACTIVITES PLAQUE AWARD (National Junior Activities Trophy)**

This award will be given to a Unit reporting the best overall Junior Activities program. The report is to be in narrative form, 1000 words or less, typed, doubled-spaced, giving Unit name, number, Unit Junior Activities Advisor's name and address and the name of the Department. Judging will be based on the following:

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| 1. | <b>Americanism</b>   | <b>35%</b> |
|    | a. Memorizing the Preamble   | 5%         |
|    | b. Memorizing the National Anthem  | 5%         |
|    | c. Knowledge of Flag Code, history of the flag<br>Knowing the correctly giving the Pledge of Allegiance. | 15%        |
|    | d. Proper observance of National Holidays  | 10%        |
| 2. | <b>Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation</b>   | <b>35%</b> |
|    | a. Christmas or Holiday Activities   | 5%         |
|    | b. Donations and Collections   | 5%         |
|    | c. Hospital Activities   | 5%         |
|    | d. Poppy Activities  | 5%         |
|    | e. Children and Youth  | 15%        |
| 3. | <b>Community Service</b>   | <b>25%</b> |
|    | a. Safety Programs and Health Programs   | 5%         |
|    | b. Ecology/Beautification Programs   | 10%        |
|    | c. Senior Citizens   | 10%        |
| 4. | <b>General Activities</b>  | <b>5%</b>  |
|    | a. Other projects not listed   | 5%         |

**\*Do not include pictures, scrapbooks, or folders of any kind.**

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS

### Shining Star Award:

For the best overall UNIT participation in the Junior Activities Program; to be judged from the Unit report ONLY. The award will be presented at Department Convention. The Unit report Forms must be received by the District Junior Activities Chairman by May 5, 2006. The District Junior Activities Chairman must submit the winning entry to the Department Chairman by May 12, 2006

### Award for the best Narrative to the overall participation in the Junior Activities program.

A narrative of 500 words and Send this along with the Annual Junior Report.

## NEW DEPARTMENT AWARD

This award goes to the District Junior President. On March 31, 2006 the District Junior President to work with her District Junior Advisor to see which Units are not at 100%. She is to call the Units and speak with the president and Junior Activities Chairman to find out who has not paid. She is to help with collecting the late dues. All Junior dues received in the month of April of 2006 for the year of 2005-2006 are to be given to the District Junior Advisor for her to bring to Department Junior Conference. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. **I'm hoping that all units with juniors will be 100% by December 2005. REMEMBER – dues are to be sent to Department when received.** This award is only to collect on delinquent dues as of March 31, 2006.

## Personal Awards

1. To the runner up for the Shining Star Award
2. To the Unit/Member runner up for the National Junior Member of the Year
3. To Unit Junior Activities Chairman winning the national's Unit program of the year award
4. To the Junior Unit winning, National President's award for Excellence.
5. To the District Junior President starts on March 31, 2006 collecting the most delinquent dues For the year of 2005-2006. Again we do hope that all units with Juniors will be at 100% by December 2005