

## **Miss Poppy Guidelines**

### **B. National Miss Poppy Contest: Little Miss Poppy (Ages 6-12)**

- Participant must be between six and 12 years of age 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.
- Selection of Little Miss Poppy is at the discretion of the unit.
- For National Little Miss Poppy consideration, participant must submit a Little Miss Poppy scrapbook (8½" x11") containing photographs and clippings illustrating how she promoted the American Legion Auxiliary poppy in her department. Only those scrapbooks that contain a self-addressed envelope with postage will be returned. Although every effort will be made to return the scrapbook, accidents do happen, so all entrants must allow for that risk.

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

- Costume (there is no specific dress code or particular dress color for Miss Poppy).
- Promotion of the Poppy program: What did you share and do?
- Publicity of poppy activities (newspapers, radio/TV, etc.).
- Narrative report on "What I Have Learned Being Little Miss Poppy."
- Essay on "Memorial Poppy" not to exceed 100 words.
- The memorial poppy must be visible in all promotion and publicity submitted.
- Neatness and creativity.
- Cover page to include member name, unit name, state, age division and year.
- Judging scale should be 1 through 10 for each area of judging for entire entry.
- The Little Miss Poppy (age 6-12) winner will be invited to appear at the ALA National Convention, immediately following her selection, and if she so chooses, will travel at her own expense.
- Winners of the National Little Miss Poppy contest each will receive a citation plaque.
- Please follow department guidelines for submitting entries.
- If the Poppy scrapbook is to be returned, members must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Although every effort will be made to return the scrapbook, accidents do happen so all entrants must allow for that risk.

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section.
- 3) Submit as indicated in the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.