

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA & AUXILIARY "BUDDY"® POPPY PRINCE & PRINCESS CONTEST

## Rules for the contest (2025-2026)

1. Contest Open to all boys and girls, ages 5 thru 8 (**by 1 April 2026.**)
2. Each Post and/or Auxiliary's sponsoring a Buddy Poppy Contestant should supply the following information on the application:
  - a. Contestant's full name & age
  - b. Contestant's Parent/Guardian name, address, and phone number.
  - c. Contestant name of school.
  - d. Sponsoring Post/Auxiliary name, number, and contact information.
  - e. District number of the sponsoring Post/Auxiliary.
  - f. Recent photograph of contestant (Put contestants name on the back of photo. Do not attach photos to entries. Photo will be removed prior to judging).
  - g. Contestant's participation in the Buddy Poppy program.
  - h. *Contestant's participation in patriotic and community activities.*
  - i. Original Application with signatures.
  - j. Recent photograph of contestant (Put contestants name on the back of photo. Do not attach photos to entries. Photo will be removed prior to judging).
3. Posts shall sponsor this contest within their local community. They will attempt to recruit contestants within their own Posts and Auxiliaries. It is preferable to have contestants that actively assist Post and Auxiliaries with Buddy Poppy Drives and other programs and events.
4. **Poster Requirements**
  - a. Each poster shall have a patriotic drawing that depicts the Buddy Poppy. Each poster must include at least one **RED** Buddy Poppy and shall be on 8 ½ X 11 drawing paper.
  - b. Contestants may depict the Buddy Poppy in any type of scene they would like to create. The United States Flag may be used as part of the poster. (US Flag code shall not apply)
  - c. Posters will be judged using the following criteria: artistic ability, neatness, Patriotic Activities and Community Service.
  - d. The poster shall be the work of the contestant only. Art allowed shall be watercolors, crayons, pencils, color pencils, and markers. No Pre-Printed coloring pages of any kind accepted.

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5. Post/Auxiliary entries should arrive to either Department Chairperson's by Wednesday, April 1st, 2026. Entries arriving after that date may not be considered for the competition. Each Post / Auxiliary should have a Buddy Poppy Contestant entry. A boy and/or girl (Prince/Princess) entry forms' will be judged on the Department level.
6. Department winners of the Prince/Princess Contest will receive the Title of Buddy Poppy Prince/Princess, crowns, and a monetary award. This will be presented at the June Convention in June 2026 during the joint session on Saturday morning.
7. Sponsoring Post and/or Auxiliaries should furnish transportation to and from the Winter Council meeting for the Department winners and their Parents/Guardian, if possible.

For Additional Information, please contact the following:

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**Application 2025 - 2026**

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**Sponsors Information**

Post Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Auxiliary Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Post/Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Application must be filled completely out. Must be included with picture entry and photo.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Commander Name and Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
VFW Buddy Poppy Chairman Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Auxiliary President Name and Signature

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AUX Buddy Poppy Chairman Signature