



The American Legion Oratorical Contest provides a platform for individuals to develop and refine their leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills while also gaining a deeper appreciation for American citizenship and the Constitution.

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HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST



CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

Participants in The American Legion Oratorical Contest develop leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and are better prepared to accept the duties and responsibilities, for the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

A single main speech topic related the United States Constitution will be required with a length of 8 to 10 minutes, as well as an "Assigned Topic" that must consume 3 to 5 minutes of presenter's delivery.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest provides an excellent opportunity for individuals to develop and showcase their leadership and communication skills. By participating in this contest, individuals will not only have the chance to gain valuable experience in public speaking but also develop critical thinking skills necessary for effective communication.

The main topic, which is a prepared oration, will challenge participants to research and analyze the Constitution, its history, and its impact on American society.

In addition to the main topic, participants must also deliver a speech on an "Assigned Topic". This requirement will test the participant's ability to think on their feet and communicate effectively on topics that may be unfamiliar to them.

PARTICIPATION

Posts should begin working with their area schools in the fall to coordinate a post level contest. Contestants begin by competing at the post level. From there, winners will move on to the county and district levels before reaching the regional competition. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible for this program.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Each District winner will receive an Oratory Medal

Each Regional participant will receive a \$600 scholarship

The winning contestant from each Regional contest receives a \$1,000 scholarship and competes for the State Title.

3rd runner up receives an additional \$500 scholarship.

2nd runner up receives an additional \$1,000 scholarship.

1st runner up receives an additional \$1,500 scholarship.

Department winner receives an additional \$2,000 scholarship and competes at the National Contest in April.