



# The American Legion Post 284 Colonial Heights

## High School Oratorical Contest 2020-2021

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Colonial Heights American Legion Post 284 presents its High School Oratorical Contest as a means of encouraging high school students to get involved in public speaking. This program is in accordance with The American Legion National Contest. Tomorrow's leaders must be able to effectively communicate through speaking and writing.

Program rules and procedures as well as examples can be located on The American Legion National site: <https://www.legion.org/oratorical>. This is a serious high-level competitive oratorical program. Please study the website components, especially any videos of previous oratorical candidates. See: <https://www.legion.org/oratorical/videos>. These will provide you with clues to be successful at every level of this competition.

1. Prospective oratory candidates must complete a prepared oration on any aspect of the United States Constitution from 8 to 10 minutes in duration; including a written script for the judges.
2. Oratory candidates must prepare a three to five-minute oration on all the 2021 Program Assigned Topics. The assigned Topic for each level of competition from Post to National will be determined at every oratorical contest after all contestants have presented their prepared oration. **For more information see: <https://www.legion.org/oratorical/topics>. The assigned 2021 program topics are:**
  - a. **Article I, Section 7:** All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills....
  - b. **Article II, Section 3:** He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union....
  - c. **Article III, Section 1:** The judicial Power of the United States shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish....
  - d. **Amendment XXII, Section 1:** No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President....
3. Appropriate business attire is required for all contestants. Contestants may not wear awards and medals from previous competitions.
4. Timelines for the 2020-2021 program
  - a. Email Post Chairman by 11 DEC 2020 of intention to compete at Post level with a draft prepared oration script by 18 DEC 2020
  - b. Electronic copy of **final prepared oration script** to Post Chairman by 8 JAN 2021.
  - c. Post 284 Oratorical Competition 9 JAN 2021 at 10:00AM. Location to be announced (TBA).
  - d. District 11 Oratorical Competition, TBA, JAN/FEB 2021.
  - e. Eastern Region Oratorical Competition 8 FEB 2021, Denbigh Post 368, Newport News at 1000AM.
  - f. Department of Virginia Oratorical Competition TBA, MAR 2021.

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**Eligibility requirements** Post 284 High School Oratorical Contest are:

1. Applicant must be a high school student, 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. Applicant must have a 2.0 or better GPA to be considered.
3. Applicant must be considered of good moral character.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **Notification to the Post 284 Chairman by 11 Dec 2020**
2. **Ask your High School Counselor to verify eligibility requirements to the Chairman by 18 Dec 2020**
3. **Send a typed final copy of the Prepared Oration to the Post 284 Chairman by 8 Jan 2021.**

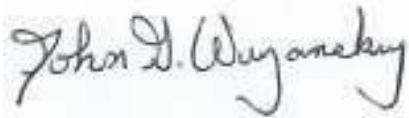
**Compensation and Honoraria** for Post 284 High School Oratorical Contest are:

1. Post 284 will support travel to District, Regional and State competitions.
  - \$50.00 for travel to both District and Regional
  - \$ 50.00 for travel and one-night hotel for State Conference.
2. Honoraria for contestants. All contestants will receive a Post Oratorical certificate and the American Legion Oratorical Pin.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$100.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$75.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$50.00
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place \$25.00
3. Any High School that sends an oratorical contestant to the Post 284 competition will receive \$100.00 for school use.

Applications will **only be accepted by E-mail** to: [Scholarship.ALP284@gmail.com](mailto:Scholarship.ALP284@gmail.com).

It is suggested that the E-mail return receipt function be used to ensure the date of receipt is recorded. It is **solely** the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Chairman **receives** the completed application by the due date, **Friday, 11 December 2020. NO late or incomplete applications will be considered.**  
Good Luck!

For God and Country,



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