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American Legion Post 403

Oratorical Contest Application Form

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Post 403 American Legion "Oratorical Contest". The contest is designed to instill a greater knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States in high school students. Other objectives include the development of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Other purposes of the program are to assist students in paying the high cost of college education and helping the student build their resumes for future job and college admissions.

This year's Post competition will be held November 23, 2025 starting at 1:00 p.m. (students are asked to arrive at 12:30 p.m.) at the Veterans Reception Center at 910 Main St., Van Meter. Requirements to compete in the Post Contest are:

- Students must be classified in high school grades 9 -12 and be a member of the communities in which the Post serves. (Communities are: Booneville, De Soto, and Van Meter.) (If you are interested in participating in the contest but live outside our communities, please contact our Post and we will try to connect you with a Post in your community to pass on your interest.)
- Student must have submitted this application and a written copy of the 8 to 10 minute Prepared Oration they will be using for the Post contest.
- Application and speech must be submitted and received by November 18, 2025 at Post address of PO Box 81, Van Meter, IA 50261 or at email contact defined below.
- Selected as a candidate from the list of candidates applying for the competition. Contest date candidates are limited to (at most) 5 candidates on the Contest date due to the time required for the candidates to give 8-10 minute speech. If more than 5 candidates, Post will determine how best to handle and respond back to students. Individuals will be notified of acceptance as a candidate by November 20, 2025.

Any questions on the contest may be directed to Vince Junker at 701-712-6236 Questions, application, and speech may also be sent to email address vcjunker@msn.com. State and National Contest details can also be acquired by visiting Iowa Department website at www.ialegion.org and clicking on link for Youth Programs and subsequent link for Oratorical. Thank you.

Application is on reverse side:

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Application Contestant Details Section

Name _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
High School Grade Classification: _____
Home Telephone _____ Email _____
Cell Telephone _____ 2nd Email: _____

Father's Name _____ Phone: _____
Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Mother's Name _____ Phone: _____
Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
(if different from father's)

Name of your high school? _____

Title of Your 8-10 Minute Prepared
Oration: _____

Have you visited www.ialegion.org website for contest details?

Please submit written copy of 8-10 minute Prepared Oration with this application.

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT POST BY NOVEMBER 18, 2025

**POST CONTEST – NOVEMBER 23, 2025 AT VETERAN RECEPTION
CENTER 1 P.M. -- STUDENTS NEED TO ARRIVE BY 12:30 P.M.**