



AMERICAN LEGION
7th and 8th GRADE SPEECH CONTEST
Sponsored by the
Cantigny American Legion Post 556
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60189
Contest Date Sunday, February 23, 2020
11th District, Department of Illinois
Contest Date Saturday, February 29, 2020

Purpose

Participation in this competition gives students a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the United States Constitution and furthers their research, essay writing and public speaking skills. Entering this contest gives students a valuable insight into the rights and privileges of American citizenship and of the associated duties and responsibilities.

Eligibility

Contestants must be 7th or 8th grade students in the general Wheaton area attending any public, parochial or private school or home schooled. They must be under the age of 15 on the date of the district level contest.

Contest Rules

Each contestant must give a four to six minute speech on some phase of the Constitution of the United States. The students will be judged on content (up 70 points) and speaking skills (up to 30 points). Contestants will speak from a podium and should not read their speech but may refer to notes during the speech. Points will be deducted for speaking shorter or longer than the prescribed time. Family members and other interested parties may observe the speeches (no cheering or applauding permitted) but participants may not listen to the speech of a competitor. There will be no photography of any kind prior to or during the competition.

Post Level Competition

Each participating school may enter up to two students in the 2019 Post 556 competition. (Alternates are welcome to apply.) Additionally, two home-schooled students (selected in the order of receipt of registration form) may participate. Each school and home school student is to complete the accompanying registration form and mail to Post 556 to be received by January 23rd. The competition will be held at the Visitor Center Theater at Cantigny Park, Wheaton, at 12:45 PM (student check in is 12:15 PM) on Sunday, February 23rd.

District Level Competition

Each post in the 11th District may advance **two** students for judging in the District 7th and 8th Grade Speech Contest. The District competition will take place on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Visitor Center Theater at Cantigny Park.. Participants should check in by 9:45 AM and the competition will start promptly at 10AM.

Awards

Post 556 awards are \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place, \$50 for 3rd place and \$25 for 4th place. Additional awards will be presented at the District level for students advancing from individual post competition.

Contact Information

Questions may be directed to American Legion Post 556 Americanism Chairman, Bill Neurauter at 630-495-1182 or email willy.neu@att.net. Joel Johnston will be contacting school rep at school with school and discuss event and that each school rep is asked to call Joel at 630-330-3997 or email jjenterprisesinc@aol.com



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POST ENTRY FORM

Date: _____

School: _____

School Contact: _____ Phone Number _____

School contact email _____

Students entered in the 2020 American Legion 7th and 8th Grade Speech Contest sponsored by Cantigny Post 556 (maximum of two students per school):

Name	Grade	Home Phone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EMAIL TO willy.neu@att.net or MAIL TO:

**Bill Neurauter
1604 S. Meyers Road
Lombard, Illinois 60148**

Cantigny American Legion Post 556 must receive the Registration form by January 23, 2020