

Eightieth Annual
Department of Iowa American Legion
High School Oratorical Scholarship Program
"A Constitutional Speech Contest"
 2016 - 2017



\$18,000 for Winning Oration Based on the U.S. Constitution

Open to Students Grades 9 – 12

<u>Department Contest*</u>		<u>National Contest</u>
\$2,000	<i>First Place</i>	\$18,000
\$1,500	<i>Second Place</i>	\$16,000
\$1,000	<i>Third Place</i>	\$14,000

Department Champion will also receive an additional \$1,500 for Participating in National Quarter-Finals level of Competition

**Half of each Department of Iowa scholarship is awarded by
 The American Legion of Iowa Foundation.*

ELIGIBILITY:

Rules of the Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Speech Contest, conforms to the National rules (available online at www.ialegion.org) unless exceptions for the contest are stated as outlined below.

All contestants in the Department of Iowa shall be citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States and oration must be in the English language.

The Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Finals shall consist of one contestant from each of the three Area Contests (an Area consisting of three Districts).

The Area Contest shall consist of one contestant from each District in the designated Area.

The District Contest shall consist of no more than one contestant from each Post/County in the District.

*****If there is more than one contestant from each County, there shall be a County Contest to determine the representative from the County who will advance to the District Contest.***

QUOTATIONS:

Quotations must be indicated as such. Where quotations are more than 10 words in length, the author's name must be given orally and in the manuscript.

WITHDRAWALS:

If for any reason a contestant withdraws, voluntarily or by disqualification, from a contest after progressing through one or more stages, the place shall be taken by the next highest ranking contestant of the previous contest. If this withdrawal is sudden and the next ranking contestant of the previous contest is available and can proceed without delaying the contest, the substitution should be made at once. If the substitution cannot be made without delay, then the contest shall proceed among the available contestants.

JUDGING:

If a local contest is necessary to determine the representative of a local high school, these contestants shall be judged according to standards set up by the local Post. In all community contests between two or more high schools to determine contestants to represent local Posts, County, District, Area, and Department Contests, the following rules shall prevail.

NOTES; PLATFORM:

Post and County Level Contests. Notes on 3 x 5 cards are allowed. Judges are not to downgrade contestants for the use of notes.

District Level Contest. No prompting, notes and/or lectern will be allowed.

Area and Department Contests. The Area and Department Contest will be conducted in an auditorium having a platform from which contestants will speak. The use of notes, lectern or speaker's stand by contestants, OR PROMPTING IN ANY MANNER, is not permitted. The normal speaking voice of the contestant is not to be interfered with or amplified within the auditorium.

The use of a raised platform at Post, County or District is encouraged, if facilities are available.

No research material, just a pad and pencil will be allowed in preparing for the Assigned Topic discourse at the District, Area, and Department levels.

A blind contestant may have a chaperone or escort remain in the room to read the Assigned Topic only.

*Department of Iowa American Legion
High School Oratorical Contest
Certification Form*

Section I - Completed by High School Official

This is to certify that Mr./Miss _____ is
a student at _____ High School, located in
_____ (city), and is not undergoing post-
graduate work, is not deficient in any school work for the current
year, and will be enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year.

Participant is a citizen of or lawful permanent resident of the
United States. Yes No

GRADE _____ Date of Birth _____

Parents' Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Parents' Address _____

Address

City

Zip

E-Mail Address (Required)

Number of Contestants

Parents' Phone Number (Required)

Principal's Signature

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**Section II - Completed by Legion Post Officer and Mailed to County Oratorical Chair
Forward a copy to Department Headquarters**

I, Commander of _____ Post # _____, of The Department of Iowa American Legion, do hereby certify that the above named student is the official contestant of this Post in The Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Contest.

_____ Number of Contestants

Post Oratorical Chair, Phone & E-Mail

Post Commander, Phone & E-Mail

Section III – Complete this section ONLY if a County run-off is held!

Completed by County Legion Officer and Mailed to District Oratorical Chair

*****If there is more than one contestant from each County, there shall be a County Contest to determine the representative from the County who will advance to the District Contest.***

Please forward a copy immediately to Department Headquarters!

I, Commander of _____ County of The Department of Iowa American Legion, do hereby certify that the above named contestant was declared by the Judges as the winner of this County Contest, and is eligible to represent this County in the _____ District Contest.

_____ Number of Contestants

County Oratorical Chair, Phone & E-Mail

County Commander Phone & E-Mail

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**Section IV - Completed by District Oratorical Chairman; Mailed to Area Oratorical Chairman
Forward a copy to Department Headquarters**

I, Commander of the _____ District of The Department of Iowa American Legion, do hereby certify that the above named student is the official contestant of this District and is eligible to represent the Area ____ Contest of The Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Contest. _____ Number of Contestants

District Oratorical Chairman, Phone & E-Mail

District Commander, Phone & E-Mail

Section V - Completed by Area Oratorical Chairman and Forwarded to Dept. Headquarters

I, _____, Area Chairman of Area #____ of The Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Contest, do hereby certify that the above named student is the official contestant and is eligible to represent this Area in the Department Finals.

Tabulator Chairman, Phone & E-Mail

Area Oratorical Chairman, Phone & E-Mail

Section VI - Completed by Department Chairman

I, _____, Department Chairman of The Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Contest, do hereby certify that the above named contestant was declared by the Judges as the winner of this Department Contest, and is eligible to represent this Department in the National Quarter Finals Contest.

Tabulator Chairman, Phone & E-Mail

Department Chairman, Phone & E-Mail

DATES FOR CONTEST

Local Contests	Must be completed by December 18, 2016	
County Contests	Will be held between December 19, 2016 and January 8, 2017	
District Contests	Will be held between January 9, 2017 and January 22, 2017	
Area Contests	Will be held between January 23, 2017 and February 5, 2017	
AREA I	First District Host (Districts <u>1</u> , 5, & 6)	TBA (Date/Location/Time)
AREA II	Third District Host (Districts 2, <u>3</u> , & 4)	TBA (Date/Location/Time)
AREA III	Ninth District Host (Districts 7, 8, & <u>9</u>)	TBA (Date/Location/Time)

Department Finals Sunday, February 12, 2017, Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines

The Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Contest, will be held Sunday, February 12, 2017, at the Airport Holiday Inn on Fleur Drive in Des Moines, at 8 a.m. The Department winner will advance to the National Quarter Final Contest in Indianapolis, Indiana.

2017 National Contest

The 2017 National American Legion Oratorical Contests will be April 22-23, in Indianapolis, at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241. Quarter-final and semi-final contests are scheduled for Saturday, April 22, with the finals scheduled for Sunday, April 23.

AWARDS/FINANCES:

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Speech Contest is financed by Department of Iowa American Legion, The American Legion of Iowa Foundation, and various American Legion Post, County, and District organizations. Post, County and District awards are the responsibility of the host for their level. Each participant in the Area Contests will receive \$50 from the Department of Iowa for expenses only.

District Champions eliminated in the Area Contests will receive a scholarship prize of \$200 and any restrictions placed on the scholarships awarded in the Department finals are placed equally on these scholarships.

Each Area winner who participates in the Department Oratorical Contest will receive \$100 from the Department of Iowa American Legion for expenses only.

For more information, contact: The American Legion of Iowa, 720 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa 50309; 1-800-365-8387; E-mail programs@ialegion.org or go to www.ialegion.org.

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2016 - 2017*

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Information is also available online at: www.ialegion.org

Assigned Topics for 2017 Oratorical Contest

Amendment 7

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment 10

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Amendment 16

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

Amendment 17

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.