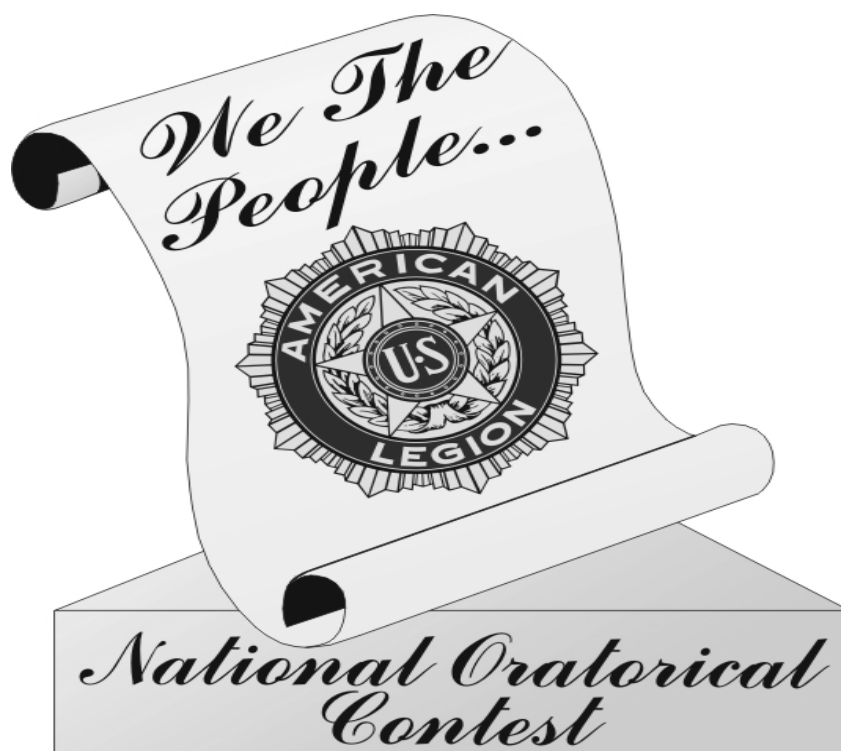


Eighty-Second Annual
The American Legion Department of Iowa
High School Oratorical Scholarship Program
"A Constitutional Speech Contest"
2018 – 2019



Open to students in grades 9 – 12

Scholarships are awarded for winners at Department and National levels:

Department Contest Prize*	Placement	National Contest Prize
\$2,000	First	\$18,000
\$1,500	Second	\$16,000
\$1,000	Third	\$14,000

The Department of Iowa 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.

Rules and Regulations

Eligibility

Rules of The American Legion Department of Iowa High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Speech Contest, conforms to the National rules (available online at www.ialegon.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 American Legion Department of Iowa 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 and 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 prohibited. 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.

**The American Legion Department of Iowa
High School Oratorical Contest
Certification Form – Section I**

To be completed by contestant's 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 current school year.

Participant is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

____ Yes ____ No

CURRENT GRADE: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent(s) Phone: _____

Parent (s) Address: _____

Email Address (Required)

Number of Contestants

Principal's Signature

Please Print Name

**The American Legion Department of Iowa
High School Oratorical Contest
Certification Form – Section II**

**To be completed by Legion Post Officer and mailed to County Oratorical Chair
Forward a copy to Department Headquarters**

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

_____ Number of Contestants

Post Commander Signature

Post Oratorical Chair Signature

Phone & Email

Phone & Email

**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.
Forward a copy to Department Headquarters**

I, Commander of _____ County
of The American Legion Department of Iowa, 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 Commander Signature

County Oratorical Chair Signature

Phone & Email

Phone & Email

**The American Legion Department of Iowa
High School Oratorical Contest
Certification Form – Section IV**

**To be completed by District Oratorical Chairman; mailed to Area Oratorical Chairman
Forward a copy to Department Headquarters**

I, Commander of the _____ District of The American Legion Department of Iowa, 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 American Legion Department of Iowa High School Oratorical Contest.

_____ Number of Contestants

District Commander Signature

District Oratorical Chair Signature

Phone & Email

Phone & Email

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

I, _____, Area #____, of The American Legion Department of Iowa 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.

Area Oratorical Chairman Signature

Tabulator Chairman Signature

Phone & Email

Phone & Email

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.

Department Chairman Signature

Tabulator Chairman Signature

Phone & Email

Phone & Email

DATES FOR THE CONTEST

Local Contests	Must be completed by December 2, 2018
County Contests	Must be completed by December 16, 2018
District Contests	Must be completed by January 6, 2019
Area Contests	Must be completed by January 20, 2019

AREA CONTEST	DISTRICT HOST	DATE – LOCATION - TIME
AREA I – Districts 1, 5 & 6	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
AREA II – Districts 2, 3 & 4	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
AREA III – Districts 7, 8 & 9	To Be Announced	To Be Announced

Department Finals: Sunday, February 3, 2019, Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines

The American Legion Department of Iowa High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Contest, will be held Sunday, February 3, 2019, 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.

2019 National Contest

The 2019 National American Legion Oratorical Contests will be April 5-7, 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 6, with the finals scheduled for Sunday, April 7.

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 who appears in an Area Contest 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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2018 - 2019**

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Assigned Topics for 2019 Oratorical Contest¹

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment 4

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment 13

1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.
2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Amendment 21

1. The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.
2. The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.
3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

¹ "Assigned Topics," The American Legion, accessed July 23, 2018, <https://www.legion.org/oratorical/topics>.