



The American Legion

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TO: ALL POST COMMANDERS, ORATORICAL CHAIRPERSONS

FROM: ROGER LACY, DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTESTS

Now is the time to contact the High Schools in your area to see if they have students interested in participating in The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest. **Enclosed is a copy of Contest Application and the Contestant Certification Form, (Make as many copies as needed). The 2019-2020 Official Contest Rules and Topics** are only available on line. Please go to www.arlegion.org/programs/oratorical.html to download a copy of rules and topics. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Department Headquarters and we will download a copy for you.

Contest applications must be submitted to the Department Oratorical Chairman, by January 3, 2020.

Contestants must be certified to **Department Headquarters**, no later than **February 22, 2020**, all contestants are required to present their prepared oration to the Post and/or a civic organization a total of three times.

Department Contest will be held Saturday, **February 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** – location to be announced.

Please advise Department Headquarters immediately as to **the time and place of your Post Contest**, as we receive many phone calls asking for this information. **Department Winners** will receive:

First Place	\$2,000
Second Place	\$1,500
Third Place	\$1,000

The **Department First Place Winner** who participates in the first round of the National Contest will receive a **\$1,500** scholarship. Each first round winner who advances to the second round, but does not advance to the final round will receive an additional **\$1,500** scholarship.

National Finalists will receive the following scholarships:

First Place	\$18,000
Second Place	\$16,000
Third Place	\$14,000

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ORATORICAL CONTEST CERTIFICATION FORM

This is to certify that the following contestant:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

(Street or Box Number)

(City)

(Zip Code)

Phone Number: _____

Name of High School: _____

Home Schooled

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Met certification requirements on _____, 20____, under the sponsorship of
Post No. _____, _____, Arkansas.

Title of Prepared Oration _____

Contest according to:

(Chairman)

(Date)

(American Legion Officer)

(Title)

Send Certification to Department Headquarters by February 7, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL CONTEST

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CONTEST APPLICATION

(To Be Completed By Student)

Contestant Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes _____ No _____ if no, are you a resident alien? Yes _____ No _____

Parents Name _____ Day Time Phone _____

SCHOOL REPORT

High School _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone _____ School Fax _____

Counselors Name _____ Email _____

I first became interested in the Oratorical Contest when:

I will abide by all the rules of the Department of Arkansas and the National High School Oratorical Contest Committee and follow the instructions of contest sponsors and chairman. I hereby attest that my Prepared Oration and Assigned Topic presentations are my original work.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Sponsored by American Legion Post or District _____

Post or District Chairman or Officer _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Students should submit this application by January 3, 2020

TO: Department Oratorical Chairman, Roger Lacy
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