

Application for Oratorical Speech Contest Winter 2022/23

Sponsored by: The American Legion – Post 24 (Alexandria, VA)

Application due date: December 1, 2022

Post Level Contest date: January 8, 2023

All Alexandria area high school students (female & male), grades 9-12, are eligible to apply to this contest program. Students can be mentored if they choose (recommended). See page 2 for mentoring process. **Covid-19, Health Safety message, and link to guidelines can also be found under Mentoring on page 2.** Applicants and a parent/guardian will be contacted within 1 week of receiving the completed application.

Email (attach) the completed application to: YouthPrograms@VAPost24.com

with **subject line:** "Post 24 – Oratorical Application- " (add your 'school name' - 'your full name')

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the above also. **Use a computer to complete this application as hand-written applications will not be accepted.**

Applicant's Full Name: _____
First Full Middle Name (if any) Last name

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Email address: _____

Mobile Phone: (____) _____ - _____ **Home Phone:** (____) _____ - _____

Home Address of Applicant:

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ (Mobile: ____ Home: ____)

----- **Parent / Guardian Information** -----

Parent 1 Name: _____ Phone: _____
(Mobile: ____ Home: ____)

E-mail – Parent 1: _____ best time to call: _____

Parent 2 Name: _____ Phone: _____
(Mobile: ____ Home: ____)

E-mail – Parent 2: _____ best time to call: _____

School Name: _____ **Current Grade:** 9th ____ 10th ____ 11th ____ 12th ____

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College and/or Career Goals: _____

Mentoring:

The suggested mentoring program may include the following:

- Describing the program in detail, sharing the activities with a parent or guardian
- Scheduling one or more practice visits to the contest location, address at bottom of document
- Enabling the contestant to incrementally develop their speeches and receive feedback from multiple American Legion Veterans with a variety of skills to support the contestant
- Listening to recordings of the speech, or in-person practice, or virtual sessions
- Mentoring does not include any assistance in speech writing, please see the rules
- For more information, videos, rules, other contests: <https://www.legion.org/oratorical>

Are you interested in mentoring ? (Yes ____ No ____)

Health Safety and Covid-19: in keeping with Alexandria City Health Department guidelines, while most mentoring can be done virtually, contest-practice and the contest-day is still planned to be conducted on January 8, 2023, within Post 24 building's Ball Room: **400 Cameron Street Alexandria, VA 22314**

Covid-19 and Health Safety practices will be followed as per Alexandria City Health Department. Current information may be found at the below website:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/health/info/default.aspx?id=114727>

Getting Started On Your 8-10 minute speech

Describe Your Constitutional Speech Topic (~10-20 words):

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List 3-5 subtopics to support and defend your speech topic (~10 – 20 words each):

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End of Application