

American Legion Post 182 invites your high school student to participate in the Annual Oratorical contest Saturday, January 12, 2019 beginning at 2:00 PM at Blythewood High School, in Room G931. The winner of the contest will compete in the Quadrant competition on February 16, 2019. The winner of the Quadrant contest will participate in the State contest on Saturday, March 9, 2019, 10:00 AM at 103 Legion Plaza Road, Columbia, SC. The state winner will participate in the National competition April 6-7, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Scholarship Awards:

Local

All contestants will receive an American Legion Post 182 Certificate

3rd Place award \$100

2nd Place award \$150

1st Place award \$250 and opportunity to compete at the Quadrant

Each state selects one contestant to compete for the National Scholarship of \$18, 000 in Indianapolis, Indiana April 6-7, 2019.

The purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership skills, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

Students will first **select some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government.** The same subject and oration used in the local contest must be used through the national contest. Speeches must be 8 to 10 minutes long.

Contestants may have a copy of their prepared oration while waiting in the first holding room. They may consult the copy until they exit to begin the contest. The copy will then be surrendered to the contest official monitoring the first holding room.

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

Students must also be prepared to speak for 3-5 minutes on an assigned topic. Be prepared to speak on all four, you will not know which topic will be selected until it is time to speak.

The Assigned Topics are:

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

Section 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.

Section 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.

For more insight on the contest procedures, please visit <http://www.legion.org/oratorical/> for additional information and contest rules.

Dress for local competition is Business Attire.

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