

2020 ORATORICAL CONTEST BULLETIN

TO: POST ADJUTANTS (For Oratorical Contest Chairman)
COUNTY ADJUTANTS
DEPT. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN
DEPT. ORATORICAL CONTEST COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Eighty Third edition of The American Legion, High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" sponsored by The American Legion as a National Americanism activity, is to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Constitution of the United States. Other objectives to be gained are those of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparations for the acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American Citizenship.

The main purpose of this bulletin is to be sure that the High School Oratorical Contest Brochure gets into the hands of the Post Oratorical Contest Chairman so that the Post can start working with the schools **NOW** in order to have a successful program.

NOTE: The 2020 Official Rules and the Oratorical Scholarship Program pamphlets AND Chairman's Guide are available at <http://www.legion.org/oratorical>.

*** CONTACT should be made now with the appropriate school officials to assure that the Oratorical Contest will be included during the 2019-2020 School Year!**

DEPARTMENT CONTEST TIME SCHEDULE

POST LEVEL to be completed by February 1, 2020 (Results to the County Chairman by February 8, 2020)
COUNTY LEVEL to be completed by February 15, 2020 (Results to the District Chairman by February 22, 2020)
DISTRICT LEVEL to be completed by February 29, 2020 (Results to the Department & Department Chairman immediately after contest completion)

*** District Chairman to report Date & Location of Contest to Department Headquarters ASAP**

DEPARTMENT FINALS will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 (WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY) NATIONAL QUARTER FINALS ROUND . . . Saturday morning, April 18, 2020 (All National competitions will be held in Indianapolis Indiana)
NATIONAL SEMI-FINALS ROUND Saturday afternoon, April 18, 2020

NATIONAL FINAL ROUND Sunday morning, April 19, 2020

AWARDS FOR 2020 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT FINALS

1st Place.....\$4,000
2nd Place.....\$2,500
3rd Place.....\$2,000
4th Place.....\$1,000
5th Place.....\$1,000

(The Department winner will receive an additional \$1,500 awarded by the National Organization for participating in the National Quarter Finals)

The success of the Oratorical Contest Program can be measured in the effort that each Post, County and District Chairman puts into planning **NOW!** This is an American Legion Program and we should not expect teachers and school personnel to do the job that is ours. It is your job, and mine, this year to be sure that we have a successful program and that our primary purpose "to increase knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States" is fulfilled. If I can be of any help to you, in any way, please feel free to contact me.

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