

2027 ORATORICAL CONTEST BULLETIN

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

The purpose of the Eighty Eighth 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: For additional information, including Rules & Regulations, Chairmen Guides and Pamphlets, go to
<http://www.legion.org/oratorical/rules>.

*** CONTACT should be made now with the appropriate school officials to assure that the Oratorical Contest will be included during the 2026-2027 School Year!**

DEPARTMENT CONTEST TIME SCHEDULE

POST LEVEL to be completed by February 5, 2027 (Results to the County Chairman by February 12, 2027)
COUNTY LEVEL to be completed by February 19, 2027 (Results to the District Chairman by March 5, 2027)
DISTRICT LEVEL to be completed by March 12, 2025 (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 27, 2027 (Joyce Kilmer Post 25-4 J.F. Kennedy Dr., Milltown, NJ 08850 at 9:00am). Snow date if needed (April 3, 2027)

NATIONAL QUARTER FINALS ROUND . . . Saturday morning, May 15, 2027
NATIONAL SEMI-FINALS ROUNDSaturday afternoon, May 15, 2027
NATIONAL FINAL ROUNDSunday morning, May 16, 2027
(National Finals will be held at Hillsdale College, 33 E. College St., Hillsdale, Michigan 49242) Ph# 317-437-7341)

AWARDS FOR 2027 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT FINALS

1st Place.....\$4,000
(The Department winner will receive an additional \$1,500 awarded by the National Organization for participating in the National Quarter Finals)
2nd Place.....\$2,500
3rd Place.....\$2,000
4th Place.....\$1,000
5th Place.....\$1,000

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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