

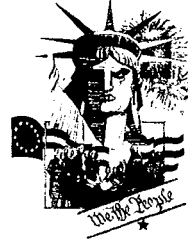
# High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

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## MINNESOTA CONTEST RULES

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## **EIGHTY-FIRST HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST**

The purpose of The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of High School Students, and to win Scholarship money. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

THE STATE SEMI-FINALS WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, March 3, 2018, AT THE OSSEO AND ANOKA AMERICAN LEGION POSTS IN THE MORNING. THE FINALS WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE ANOKA AMERICAN LEGION POST. All District Contestants MUST be certified to Department Headquarters no later than **February 9, 2018.**

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The four finalists in the American Legion Department of Minnesota Contest receive scholarships which may be used to attend any post-secondary educational institution in the United States. Winners receive \$1,500; Runner-Up receives \$1,000; 3rd place \$700; 4th place \$500.

### **NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION**

The 2018 National Oratorical Contest will be held at the Wyndham Indianapolis West April 13-15, 2018, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Quarter-final and semi-finals are scheduled for Saturday, April 14, with the Championship round on Sunday, April 15. April 13th will be a travel day.

Scholarship awards in the amount of 1st place - \$18,000; 2nd place - \$16,000; 3rd place - \$14,000 are presented to the three finalists in the Final Round. Each Department (State) winner who participates in the first round of the National Contest will receive a \$1,500 Scholarship. Each first round winner who advances to and participates in the second round, but does not advance to the Final Round, will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA CONTESTS**

ALL CONTESTS TO CONFORM TO NATIONAL CONTEST RULES  
EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW:

**POST:** Local contests should be held prior to December 31, 2017. Notes and prompting is permitted at the Post level if all are treated in a like manner. **The extemporaneous (assigned topic) is not required at the local contest.** Each Post is encouraged to send a Post winner to the District level competition. If you have more than 1 competitor, you will need to hold a local contest to determine your winner who will advance to the District competition.

**DISTRICT:** Each District Chairperson will notify the Posts within their District of the site, date and time of their District contest, preferably before **February 6th.** This contest will be conducted using the National rules, and will include the extemporaneous (assigned topic) feature. **District Chairpersons shall certify to the Department Headquarters a District Champion from a Post in their respective District no later than February 9, 2018.** Winner must be certified in writing, and your winner information must be on the **2018 District Winner Form.**

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible participants in the American Legion Oratorical Contest shall be citizens and/or residents of the United States, and a bona fide student herein described as any student under the age of twenty (20) years on the date of the National Finals Contest and who are presently enrolled in a high school (public, parochial, military, private or registered home school) in which the curriculum of said high school is considered to be of high school level commencing with grade nine (9) and terminating with grade twelve (12). Students must be enrolled in high school during the time of participation at any level of **The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. The three finalists of a National Finals Contest will be ineligible for further participation at any level.**

#### **Assigned Topics for 2018 Oratorical Contest**

##### **Amendment 2**

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

##### **Amendment 3**

No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

##### **Amendment 15**

###### **Section 1**

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

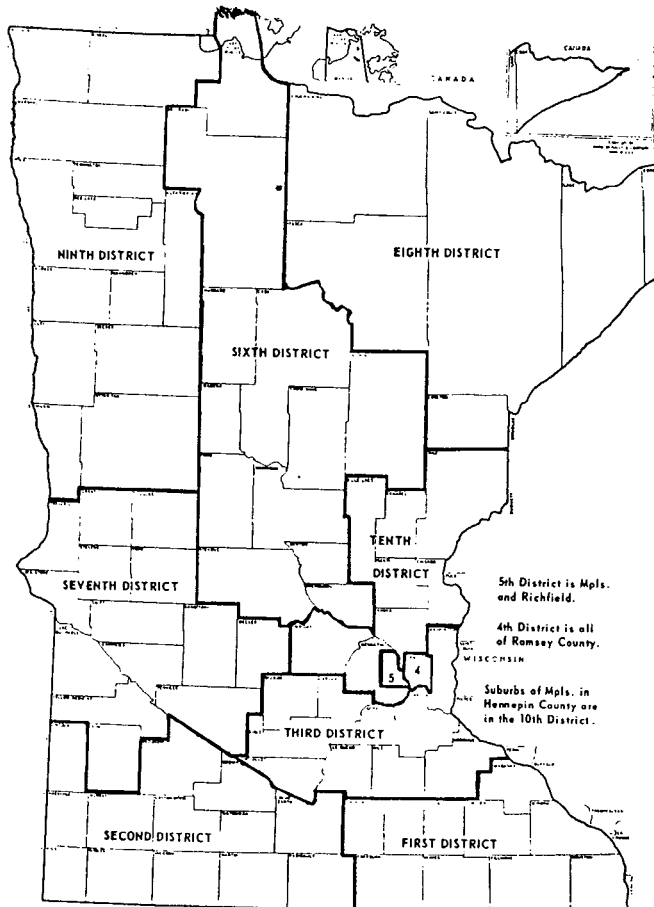
###### **Section 2**

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

##### **Article 2 Section 4**

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

## The 10 Districts American Legion Dept. of MN



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Provisions are made for the contestants to be accompanied by a chaperon at the Department, and National Contest Finals. One or both parents may chaperon the contestant. Meals, lodging and transportation costs are paid for both the contestant and chaperon at the Department and the National levels of competition.

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If you need any further assistance please contact one of the following:

- 1 - District Chairman (names listed above)
- 2 - High School Counselor
- 3 - The American Legion State Headquarters (address listed above)

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