

Fall Department Executive Committee Meeting



When: October 24, 2020

Where: Roscoe Enloe Post 5, 1423 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO

Time: Lunch from 11:30 - 12:45

D.E.C. Meeting Starts promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Lunch: Cost \$7.50 per person

Fried Chicken

Cole slaw

Potatoes and Gray

Green Beans or Corn

Dessert

Face mask and social distance are mandatory

If you are planning to have lunch please RSVP to Theresa Boss at 573-893-2353 by Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

If you have any other questions, please contact the Department Adjutant

American Legion Department of Missouri Veterans Day Sweepstakes

If you did not receive tickets for The Department's Veterans Day Sweepstake you can still participate, the Department has blank sweepstakes tickets for sale if you would like a chance at winning the grand prize of \$3,500.00 or one of the other prizes, Please send a check to:

**The American Legion Department of Missouri
Sweepstakes Processing
PO Box 1804
Jefferson City MO 65102**

Please put **sweepstakes** on the memo line of your check or put a note with your payment that states it is for the sweepstakes. Entries must be received by **November 6, 2020**.

The prizes are:

Grand Prize	\$3500.00
2 nd Prize	\$1,000.00
3 rd Prize	\$500.00
4 th Prize	\$250.00
5 th – 8 th Prize	\$200.00

Ticket Cost

1 for	\$5.00
3 for	\$10.00
6 for	\$15.00
12 for	\$25.00

If you have questions, please feel free to call The Department Headquarters at 573-893-2353.

2020 - 2021 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	SEPTEMBER 10, 2020	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 15, 2020	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 12, 2020	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DECEMBER 9, 2020	75%
MID-WINTER	JANUARY 21, 2021	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 10, 2021	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 10, 2021	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APRIL 14, 2021	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 12, 2021	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week.

Since Labor Day and Columbus Day fall on a Monday, the September and October target dates will be on a Thursday.

Since Veterans Day falls on a Wednesday, the November target date falls on a Thursday.

To maximize the December renewal notice, the January target date will be on the third Thursday of the month because of Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

2021 MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL SCHEDULE

CUTOFF DATES

MAY 13, 2020

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

OCTOBER 15, 2020

DECEMBER 9, 2020

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

APRIL 14, 2021

RENEWAL DATES

JULY 1, 2020

OCTOBER 9, 2020

NOVEMBER 13, 2020

JANUARY 6, 2021

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

APRIL 30, 2021

Transmittals not received by the cutoff date may not prevent a subsequent renewal notice from being delivered at or around the renewal date.

Please note, renewals transmitted and received by the cutoff (which is also a National Target Date) will be updated prior to printing renewal notices, assuming they can be successfully scanned. Membership that must be hand-keyed (new members and renewals that cannot be scanned) will take longer to process. Please transmit as early and as often as possible in advance of the Target Dates to help avoid delays in processing.

All online membership processing transmittals submitted through myLegion by the end business on the cutoff date, will suppress printing of renewal notices.

34th Annual
**Missouri State Youth
Government Day**



*Conducted at the
Missouri State Capitol
and
The American Legion
Roscoe Enloe Post 5*

**Tentatively Scheduled on
April 13, 2021**

*An Americanism Activity
Of The American Legion
Department of Missouri*

***District commanders/Chairman should submit their list and luncheon money to
Department Headquarters no later than March 25, 2021, to meet deadlines for preparing
necessary packets and luncheon arrangements.***



For God and Country

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2020-2021 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
A Constitutional Speech Contest

TO: Post Adjutants (For Post Oratorical Chair)

This letter inaugurates the 87th Annual High School Oratorical Contest. For more than seven decades, Legionnaires of Missouri have unselfishly worked to help boys and girls become better citizens. Certainly, it is a record in which we can all take pride.

To accomplish our goal, we cannot merely wish for results. It takes hard work by the Post Chair. The Post Chair is the key to the Oratorical Program, which can be no better than the number of schools and students enrolled by them.

Post Chair must contact their schools immediately. The minute that high schools receive our materials is when contestants need to begin to prepare for this program.

Contact your schools. Briefly explain the program, its purpose, and what it does for the students. Encourage the school to enroll its entire speech or social studies class, but if the school can enroll only one student, that is fine. Tell the school the name and address of the County Oratorical Chair, available from your District Chairman. Next, find out what supplies are needed for your schools. Such as the website www.missourilegion.org/oratorical or printed brochures. Then, order them from Department Headquarters.

Please visit our department website www.missourilegion.org choose the **FORMS** page link. This is the only the material to be used this year, as outdated materials can cause embarrassment.

Thank you for making the Oratorical program successful. Call or write if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,

Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission

P.S. ***Oratorical information is now available at <http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>***



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87th ANNUAL
2020-21 ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
A Constitutional Speech Contest

Greetings High School Administrator:

The American Legion Department of Missouri, teaming with your local Post, will again sponsor the High School oratorical contest. The contest meets the guidelines of the Missouri State High School Activities Association and appears in the Advisory List of Contests and Activities, of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The Legion contest is a partner with the National Forensic League, the honor society for high school students in speech and debate.

The Oratorical Contest exists to increase students' knowledge of the Constitution of the United States, to develop the ability to think and speak clearly, and to promote the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

We sincerely hope that your students will participate in the Contest this year. Although we want to involve as many students as possible, we encourage you to enroll at least one to represent your school.

This year, state finalists will receive the largest scholarship certificates ever--for **\$2,000**, **\$1,800**, **\$1,600**, and **\$1,400** respectively--redeemable after graduation at any college. Also, some colleges will grant substantial scholarships to all participants who reach the District contest.

All information on the Oratorical contest can be found at <http://missourilegion.org/oratorical> For any questions, simply contact Department Headquarters, PO Box 179, Jefferson City, 65102, programs@missourilegion.org or call (573) 893-2353

To enter a student, send the Form to me or you may enter electronically at <http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical>

The American Legion appreciates the support of school administrators for the past 83 years. We trust that this program continues to earn the cooperation of your speech, social studies, and similar programs.

Sincerely,

Judge Duane Benton, Chair
Department Oratorical Commission

P.S. Feel free to pass this to your speech teacher/coach, other interested teachers, or counselors.

METHODS OF JUDGING

Zone and state contests have five judges. Lower contests may have three or five judges. Judges should be trained or experienced in public speaking, and (preferably) previously judged speech contests. Judges should not have judged a prior contest including the contestant, or be employed by a school represented by a contestant. Arrangements for judges are made by the Chair of each contest, who should brief the judges before the contest. A judge should not discuss anything about the contest with a contestant before the contest.

During the contest, judges are seated separately. Each judge individually ranks the contestants without consulting anyone else. Judges must use and follow the scorecard on the preceding page.

If the prepared oration or assigned topic ignores the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen, the contestant may be penalized up to 10 points. Judges also downgrade contestants if parts of the assigned topic discourse appear overly “canned.”

The Judges, Timekeepers, Tabulators, and Chair, following the last speech, may proceed to a private room for final tabulation.

Tabulators check each scorecard and then tally the rankings. The contestant receiving lowest total rankings (*not* total points) is the winner. (For example, if contestant #1 receives two firsts, two seconds, and a third on the judges’ score cards, the total score is 9. If contestant #2 receives two firsts, two seconds, and a fourth, the total score is 10. Though contestant #2 receives two firsts, the total score of 10 places second.)

In contests with five judges, if two contestants have the same rankings total, the tie is broken by the rankings of the five judges for the two contestants. One contestant wins by three judges’ Record of Choice – comparing only the rankings of the two top contestants. Total points do *not* break a tie between two contestants.

If three (or more) contestants receive the same rankings total, the tie is broken by the highest total points from all judges. Total points are used only when three (or more) contestants tie on total rankings. In the rare case of a tie on points as well as on rankings, the judges will meet, compare scores and arrive at consensus rankings, which are final.

CERTIFICATION OF CONTESTANTS

Each high school (or home school) may select, in any reasonable way, a contestant to represent it. High school (or home school) contests are preferred in order to increase participation.

A contestant, to advance, must be certified the winner of each prior contest beginning with the high school (or home school). Certification must be made in writing or by e-mail to both the COMMISSION Chair and the CHAIR of the next contest.

If a contest has only one contestant, that student advances to the next higher level. If a winner is disqualified, withdraws, or cannot compete, then the runner-up may advance. If a substitute contestant would delay the contest, the contest shall proceed among available contestants.

The Commission supplies forms to certify contestants. Other written certifications are acceptable if equivalent information is provided. Electronic certification is available for high schools or home schools at www.missourilegion.org/oratorical.

OTHER CONTEST RULES

Publicity – The names of contestants may be released to the media for publicity purposes. Interviews or photographs of contestants are prohibited before the contest. No publicity shall be given to the judges before the contest, who are introduced only after announcement of their decision.

Broadcasts – Television and radio recording is permitted if the normal speaking voice of the contestant is not interfered with or amplified within the auditorium, the lighting and other conditions are the same for all contestants, and the Legion is not obligated financially. Satisfactory arrangements for recording must be made in advance with the Chair of the contest and with the person in charge of the building. Recording shall not change the contest schedule, nor distract the contestants. Any other electronic/digital data gathering, receiving and/or transmitting equipment shall not be used by contestants or audience members during the contest.

Copies of Prepared Oration – Contestants in the district, zone, and state contests shall give the Chair two printed copies of their prepared oration, which clearly show the title. Contestants may possess and consult a copy of their oration until exiting the holding room to speak, when they must leave the copy in the holding room.

Dress – Contestants shall not wear uniforms, or awards and medals from previous competition. Business attire is recommended for all contestants.

Notes and Rostrums – Contestants may not use notes, speaker’s stands, or amplification systems while speaking. Prompting is not allowed, nor props of any kind.

Applause – The Chair at each contest shall try to prevent applause until all contestants speak, so that speakers are judged on merit.

Order of Speaking – Contestants speak in the order determined by a drawing conducted with the Chair, who will refer to the speakers only as Number 1, Number 2, etc.

Announcement of Winner – The Chair does not introduce the contestants by name until after the judges finish all scoring. The Chair announces only the first place winner and alternate, or only those contestants receiving actual awards.

Time Keeper – The Chair names an official timer to keep an accurate time record of each contestant. The timer shall sit on the main floor in full view of the contestants. The timer has a stop watch and time cards with the figures 3, 4, 5 and 6. Timing starts when the contestant starts speaking. When 5 minutes pass in the Prepared Oration, the card with the figure “5” is placed in full view of the speaker, followed by the “6” card at the end of 6 minutes. During the Assigned Topic, the timer uses cards with the figures 3, 4 and 5. (Time cards with the figures 8, 9 and 10 are used for the Oration in the State Finals.) The Chair announces the time immediately after each speech, for the benefit of the judges. The Chair also announces penalty points then, if any.

Escorts – Immediately before the prepared orations, all contestants enter a separate room with an Escort appointed by the Chair, so the other orations cannot be heard. Contestant #1 then goes to the platform for delivery of the oration, following which he or she retires to the separate room. Each student in turn speaks and returns to the room, then all contestants return together to the platform.

Assigned Topic – Immediately before the last prepared oration, the Chair places in separate envelopes the text of the four Assigned Topics, and asks someone in the audience to draw one. The Article or Amendment drawn is the topic for all contestants, but is not then announced. The Chair reads the topic to the judges and audience after the last oration.

Assigned Topic Preparation – Approximately five minutes before delivery of the assigned topic, contestant #1 is first shown the topic and taken to a private room, with an escort who ensures that the contestant does not consult anything except the actual words of the topic.

Each contestant is called in order of previous appearance. Each, also in turn, is shown the topic and escorted to the private room for five minutes, just like contestant #1.

Tabulators – The Chair appoints at least three Tabulators to compile and check the judges’ scorecards before handing them to the Chair. The Chair and the Tabulators shall not divulge the judges’ scorecards to anyone at the site of the contest. Persons interested in the scoring, for professional purposes, may request, from the commission Chair, copies of the scores of a contestant (with judges’ names omitted).

MISSOURI NATIONAL WINNERS

1949	Paul T. Heyne	Concordia
2011	Anisha N. Gururaj	Chesterfield
2013	Agnes G. Rieger	Kansas City
2014	Ashwath S. Kumar	Columbia

MISSOURI STATE WINNERS

1935	Everett Grese	Concordia
1936	Thomas Tierney	St. Louis
1937	Charles Brown	Springfield
1938	Carl Kenagy, Jr.	Raytown
1939	Kenneth Hackman	Brentwood
1940	Olin W. Venable	Boonville
1941	James J. Jenkins	Maplewood
1942	Maurice Kraxberger	Salisbury
1943	Ed Keath	Clayton
1944	Richard B. Dempsey	St. Louis
1945	Patrick O'Mera	St. Louis
1946	Howard Downs	Independence
1947	Robert A. Southern	Independence
1948	Robert Wallace	Springfield
1949	Paul T. Heyne	Concordia
1950	Kenneth Lee Frerking	Concordia
1951	Martin E. Palmer	St. Louis County
1952	Monty Harlow	Springfield
1953	David Morton	Kansas City
1954	Thomas Hungerford	St. Louis
1955	Leonard Goodall	Warrensburg
1956	Kenneth R. Jennison	Carthage
1957	Jeana Sue Herl	Hannibal
1958	Robert Dickeson	Independence
1959	June Lynne Skaggs	Monett
1960	David J. Wynne	St. Louis
1961	John H. Garabedian	Kansas City
1962	Sandra Lee Appleby	St. Charles
1963	Bond R. Faulwell	Kansas City
1964	John Willibrand	St. Charles
1965	David Hilgendorf	St. Louis
1966	Robert Thedinger	Kansas City
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1968	Gary Klingsporn	Monett
1969	John W. Head	Palmyra
1970	Susan J. Dye	Hannibal
1971	John W. Head	Palmyra
1972	Joyce Meier	Farrar
1973	Robert Banks, Jr.	Monett
1974	Debbie O. Downs	Manchester
1975	Joy Anita Haven	Manchester
1976	Donald A. Calvert	Cape Girardeau
1977	John F. Gillespie, Jr.	Manchester
1978	Charles J. Rupp	Diamond
1979	Allan H. Harvey	Rolla
1980	Brenda Tompkins	Bolekov
1981	Glen Dasmalchi	Mansfield
1982	Kevin W. Smith	North Kansas City
1983	Rodney Sexton	Ava
1984	Patrick Walker	Grandview
1985	Sam M. Coring	Springfield
1986	Catherine M. Kintner	Jackson
1987	Marty Tade	Columbia
1988	Rachel L. Bringer	Palmyra
1989	Bryan D. Watson	Milan
1990	Ted W. Beasley	St. Louis
1991	Lisa S. Williams	Manchester
1992	Brian W. Prewitt	Ballwin
1993	Amy E. Smith	Warrenton
1994	Tina Suneja	Town and Country
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1996	Karen M. Barmann	Maryville
1997	Bradley W. Cordes	Raytown
1998	Erin K. Guyer	Ballwin
1999	Arif H. Kamal	Warrensburg
2000	Edward C. Shelton	Kansas City
2001	Ashley S. Oppenheim	Ballwin
2002	Ashley S. Oppenheim	Ballwin
2003	Jared R. Wortman	Warrensburg
2004	Afrin N. Kamal	Warrensburg
2005	Alexandra K. Hunstein	Ballwin
2006	Michael E. Gertz	Sedalia
2007	Cody L. Clemons	Malta Bend
2008	Brittany M. Sanders	Gladstone
2009	Brittany M. Sanders	Gladstone
2010	Derek W. Schulze	Warrenton
2011	Anisha N. Gururaj	Chesterfield
2012	David A. Rogers	Warrensburg
2013	Agnes G. Rieger	Kansas City
2014	Ashwath S. Kumar	Columbia
2015	Meghana C. Bharadwaj	Wildwood
2016	Meghana C. Bharadwaj	Wildwood
2017	Lorinda A. Ruz	Independence
2018	Makaylah L. Jones	Maryville
2019	Marissa M. Gertz	Smithton
2020	Andrew R. Moore	Kahoka

The American Legion

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, Inc.

Eighty-seventh Annual High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

A CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

2020-2021



Judge Duane Benton, Chair
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106 Mill Run Lane. St. Peters 63376
Robert J. Ravenscraft (573) 769-3731
1415 W. Line Palmyra 63461

ZONE II

Marvin E. Harper (660) 652-3291
202 McCandles. Barnard 64423
Sidney C. Malone (816) 767-1967
12801 Overhill Rd. Grandview 64030

ZONE III

Patricia C. Olmstead (417) 684-7512
1005 S. Main St. El Dorado Springs 64744
David E. Shafer (573) 759-6874
14325 Camden Ln. Dixon 65459

ZONE IV

Darlene Coats (314) 477-6841
5389 Wells Avenue. St. Louis 63112
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www.missourilegion.org/oratorical

THE AMERICAN LEGION Department of Missouri, each school year, sponsors an Oratorical Contest for high school students in Missouri.

The purpose of the contest is to develop knowledge and appreciation of the United States Constitution, the ability to think and speak clearly and critically, and the acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The contest meets guidelines of the Missouri State High School Activities Association, and appears in the Advisory List of Contests and Activities, of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The Legion contest is a partner with the National Speech & Debate Association, the honor society for high school students (formerly the National Forensic League).

AWARDS

The Department of Missouri awards the following medals and scholarships at State Finals:

- 1st place Gold Medal **\$2,000.00**
- 2nd place. Silver Medal **\$1,800.00**
- 3rd place Silver Medal **\$1,600.00**
- 4th place Silver Medal **\$1,400.00**

Zone
 1st place Gold Medal
 2nd place. Silver Medal
 Others Bronze Medal

District
 1st place Silver Medal
 2nd place. Bronze Medal
 County award Brooch

If a high school contest is held, the sponsoring Post should award the winner a bronze medal, available from Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City 65102 at \$12.50 each.

Contestants in the National Finals receive scholarships of **\$25,000, \$22,500, and \$20,000** for the top three places. State winners who participate in first-round National contests receive **\$2,000** scholarships. Second-round National participants (who do not make the finals) receive additional **\$2,000** scholarships. Some colleges and universities (including Drury University) give additional scholarships based on participation in the Oratorical Contest.

SCHEDULE OF CONTESTS

Contest	Date
High School	Before November 30, 2020
County	Between December 6 and 14, 2020
District	Before January 25, 2021
Zone	Before February 15, 2021
State Finals	On Sunday, February 28, 2021

Most Contests are on a Sunday Afternoon

NATIONAL CONTESTS

National contests are April 9 - 11, 2021, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Missouri sends one contestant to the first of the three National rounds. The top three national finalists earn berths in Original Oratory at the National Speech & Debate national tournament.

PREPARED ORATION

Each contestant delivers a prepared oration, which must be an original effort. Plagiarism may cause disqualification.

The oration must address some aspect of the Constitution of the United States, which emphasizes the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. A student shall use the same subject for the oration throughout all contests.

The oration in all contests, except the State Finals, must last between five and six minutes. The oration in the State Finals must last between eight and ten minutes. The same oration must be used by the state winner in the national contest. The title of the oration is announced by the contest Chair before each oration.

Quotations must be clearly indicated. If they exceed ten words, the author's name shall be given both orally and in the manuscript. All speeches are delivered in English (except for short phrases from other languages). Singing is not permitted (although songs may be quoted).

ASSIGNED TOPIC DISCOURSE

Contestants in the district, zone, and state contests give an Assigned Topic Discourse, in addition to a Prepared Oration. The discourse lasts between three and five minutes. The oration quotation rule must be observed.

The discourse tests the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of research, and the ability to relate the topic to the basic principles of the Constitution. All contestants speak on the same topic, drawn during the contest from the four listed on the next page.

	DELIVERY TIME			
	Prepared Oration		Assigned Topic	
	Not Less Than	Not More Than	Not Less Than	Not More Than
School, County	5 min.	6 min.	-	-
District & Zone	5 min.	6 min.	3 min.	5 min.
State Finals	8 min.	10 min.	3 min.	5 min.

If a contestant speaks less than the minimum or more than the maximum time, a penalty of one point for each minute (or fraction thereof) is deducted from the contestant's total score.

ASSIGNED TOPICS – 2021

ARTICLE I, SECTION 7

All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills.

Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States;[2] If he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the Objections at large on their Journal,

and proceed to reconsider it. If after such Reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, together with the Objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law.

Every Order, Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the Same shall take Effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the Rules and Limitations prescribed in the Case of a Bill.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 3

He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

ARTICLE III, SECTION 1

The judicial Power of the United States shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

AMENDMENT XXII, SECTION 1

No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as

President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

ORGANIZATION

The contest is supervised by the Oratorical Commission of nine members appointed by the Department Commander. The Commission is the final authority on all aspects of the contest.

- The state is divided into four zones:
- Zone 1 - Legion Districts 1, 2, 8 and 9
- Zone 2 - Legion Districts 3, 4, 5 and 7
- Zone 3 - Legion Districts 6, 15,16 and 17
- Zone 4 - Legion Districts 10, 11/12, 13 and 14

Each District Commander appoints County Chairs and a District Chair. The Commission appoints the four Zone Chairs. Each Chair cooperates with the local schools and Legion Posts to promote the program; to supervise generally the contests in the area; and, in addition, to preside at the particular contest he or she chairs.

ELIGIBILITY

All contestants shall be citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States, bona fide students under age 20, and presently enrolled in grades 9 through 12, in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, home or private). Contestants must either be legally domiciled in, or attend school within Missouri. Contestants may enter the contest in only one state. Students who graduate early may compete if not enrolled in a college, university, trade school, or other institution of higher learning on February 28, 2021. The three finalists in the National Finals cannot compete again at any level.

SPONSORSHIP

Contests are sponsored and financed by The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc., and the Legion Posts throughout the State.

Posts sponsor and assist the contestants from their local high schools. If no Post is near a high school, or if a contestant is not sponsored by a Post, then the Commission, upon request, will assist the contestant.

Posts of each county unite to sponsor the county champion at the district contest. Posts in each district sponsor the district winner at the zone contest, while Posts of the zone sponsor the zone champion at the State Finals in Jefferson City.

Contests are open to the public, with no admission charge. Schools and the public, generally, are invited to cooperate with the Legion in promoting this patriotic enterprise. Constructive criticisms and suggestions are considered by the Commission at its annual meeting.

CRITERIA FOR SPEECHES

Before the contest, each Judge should study the scoring of the Prepared Oration and Assigned Topic, as indicated by this scorecard:

Name of judge _____	Date _____	Number of Contestant					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
A. Content							
1. Was the speech original, fresh, and direct, applying the student's knowledge?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	12 pts. 4 pts.					
2. Did the student skillfully select examples, descriptions, analogies, and specific data?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	12 pts. 4 pts.					
3. Was the speech logical, well organized, and developed?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	12 pts. 4 pts.					
4. Did the student show a comprehensiveness of knowledge of the subject matter?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	16 pts. 6 pts.					
B. Speaking Skills							
1. Did the student use volume, rate, pitch, and diction effectively?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	6 pts. 4 pts.					
2. Rate the speaker's style: language use, word arrangement and selection, and transitions.	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	6 pts. 4 pts.					
3. Were body actions – poise, eye contact, posture, gestures, facial expressions – appropriate?	Prepared Oration Assigned Topic	6 pts. 4 pts.					
	Total Points	_____					
Penalties:							
1 point for each minute (or fraction thereof) over or under allotted time							
1-10 points for failure to speak on the Constitution							

Rank each Contestant 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

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POST ORATORICAL CHAIR CHECKLIST

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS

The High School Oratorical Contest is one of our great Americanism programs. This program emphasizes knowledge about the U.S. Constitution. It stimulates speaking abilities for high school youth, along with emphasis on the attendant duties, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship under the Constitution. The Post Oratorical Chair and his Committee are the key to participation. Specific suggestions follow:

- _____ 1. Study the Missouri Rules Brochure for all details of the program.
- _____ 2. Contact local high schools to encourage participation. (Talk with principals and appropriate teachers, especially speech, social studies, and history teachers.)
- _____ 3. Have local Post order a bronze medal for the winner at the local high school, Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 - Cost is \$12.50.
- _____ 4. A local high school contest only has the prepared oration on some phase of the U.S. Constitution with emphasis on the attendant duties, rights, responsibilities, and privileges of citizenship. (5-6 minutes)*
- _____ 5. Volunteer to help - if desired by the local high school - to furnish judges, timekeepers, and other helpers.*
- _____ 6. Find out when the County or Group Contest is scheduled. Tell the local schools of time, place, and date of County or Group Contest. Also, inform them of name of County or Group Chair.
- _____ 7. Remind the local high school to certify the winner's name, age, grade, and address, and total number of students who study the topic, to the District Contest Oratorical Chair and to the State Oratorical Chair. **DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 30th**
Instead you may enter electronically at <http://www.missourilegion.org/oratorical.htm>
- _____ 8. Arrange with your Post to sponsor the winner to the next contest levels. Arrange transportation if needed. Be sure members of your Post attend subsequent contests.

* **Note:** Local high schools may conduct the contest as they wish, and some conduct no contest.