

Kennedy High School
4545 Wenig Rd. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

September 6, 2015

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed is information pertaining to The American Legion Oratorical Contest.

I am providing this information to you so it can be placed on the school announcements please.

Points of emphasis are:

1. The oratorical contest is sponsored by The Marion American Legion Post #298.
2. The subject is some aspect of the United States Constitution with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government.
3. Monetary prizes of \$500.00, \$250.00 and \$100.00 are for the top three places at the local competition, culminating into a possible \$2000.00, \$1500.00, and \$1000.00 at the state level and the ultimate prize money for the National contest is \$18,000, \$16,000 and \$14,000.
4. The local contest date is Saturday, November 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the Marion American Legion Post #298.
5. Application deadline date is November 11, 2015.
6. All qualified students grade 9-12 are eligible.

Thank you for your assistance.



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Marion American Legion Post #298 Children and Youth Committee

American Legion High School Oratorical Contest

WHO: Marion American Legion Post # 298

WHAT: Oratorical contest with the guideline of "Some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government".

Students in grades 9 through 12 and meeting application criteria.

Eight to ten minutes in length.

3 x 5 cards allowed for this competition and county level competition.

Quotations must be indicated and if more than ten words; authors name required.

Presentation order is randomly drawn on day of competition.

Five levels of competition within the state. We have Local/Post, County, District, (comprised of six counties in this district) Area, (comprised of three districts) Department/State competition.

All competition requires you to deliver same speech. Starting at the District level(third competition) you will have 5 minutes to prepare a presentation from an assigned topic pertaining to an amendment of our United States Constitution. Four amendments predetermined by American Legion and I will provide the four identified amendments as contestant progresses.

Local(Marion Post #298) awards cash prizes of \$500.00, 1st, \$250.00, 2nd, \$100.00 for 3rd. 1st place contestant advances on to next competition which is County level. County competition exact date is to be determined, but will be held between December 14, 2015 and January 3, 2016.

State competition awards to top three and could amount to \$2000, \$1500, and \$1000, in the form of scholarships.

National provides scholarships in the amounts \$18,000, \$16,000, and \$14,000.

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015, 10:00 A.M..

WHERE: American Legion Post 298 at 625 31st St. Marion.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications need to be post marked or available for American Legion Representative pickup no later than **Wednesday, November 11, 2015.**

ATTIRE: Ladies; appropriate dress or slacks outfit, no jeans.

Men; shirt and tie, coat is optional, no jeans.

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*Department of Iowa American Legion
High School Oratorical Contest
Certification Form*

Section I

(To be Completed by High School Principal)

This is to certify that Mr./Miss _____ is a student at _____
High School, located in _____ (city), and is not undergoing post-graduate work, is
not deficient in any school work for the current year, and will be enrolled for the 2015-2016 school year.
The above named student is a U.S. Citizen/Legal Resident? ___ Yes ___ No
GRADE _____ Date of Birth _____
Parents' Name _____ E-Mail Address _____
Parents' Address _____

Address City State Zip

_____ E-Mail Address (Required) _____ Number of Contestants _____

_____ Parents' Phone Number (Required) _____ Principal's Signature _____

Section II

(To be Completed by Post Commander and Mailed to County Oratorical Chair, If Applicable)
Please forward a copy immediately to Department Headquarters!

I, Commander of _____ Post # _____, of The Department of Iowa American
Legion, do hereby certify that the above named student is the official contestant of this Post in The
Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Contest.

_____ Number of Contestants

ATTEST: _____ SIGNED: _____
Post Oratorical Chair, Phone & E-Mail Post Commander, Phone & E-Mail

Section III – Complete this section ONLY if a County run-off is held!

(To be Completed by County Cdr or County Contest Host and Mailed to District Oratorical Chair)
*****If there is more than one contestant from each County, there shall be a County Contest to
determine the representative from the County who will advance to the District Contest.***

Please forward a copy immediately to Department Headquarters!

I, Commander of _____ County of The Department of Iowa American
Legion, do hereby certify that the above named contestant was declared by the Judges as the winner of this
County Contest, and is eligible to represent this County in the _____ District Contest.
_____ Number of Contestants

_____ County Oratorical Chair, Phone & E-Mail _____ County Commander Phone & E-Mail

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Section IV

**(To be Completed by District Oratorical Chair and Mailed to Area Oratorical Chair)
Please forward a copy immediately to Department Headquarters!**

I, Commander of the _____ District of The Department of Iowa American Legion, do hereby certify that the above named student is the official contestant of this District and is eligible to represent the Area _____ Contest of The Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Contest.

Number of Contestants
ATTEST:

SIGNED:

District Oratorical Chairman, Phone & E-Mail

District Commander, Phone & E-Mail

Section V

(To be Completed by Area Oratorical Chair and Mailed to Department Headquarters)

I, _____, Area Chairman of Area # _____ of The Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Contest, do hereby certify that the above named student is the official contestant of this Area Contest and is eligible to represent this Area in the Department Finals.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Tabulator Chairman, Phone & E-Mail

Area Oratorical Chairman, Phone & E-Mail

Section VI

(To be Completed by Department Chairman and Mailed to Department Programs Director)

I, _____, Department Chairman of The Department of Iowa American Legion High School Oratorical Contest, do hereby certify that the above named contestant was declared by the Judges as the winner of this Department Contest, and is eligible to represent this Department in the National Quarter Finals Contest.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Tabulator Chairman, Phone & E-Mail

Department Chairman, Phone & E-Mail