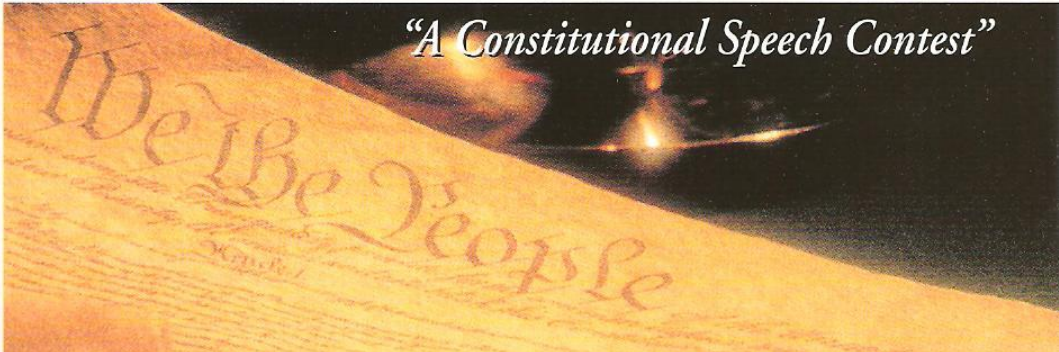




THE AMERICAN LEGION
High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

"A Constitutional Speech Contest"



Information for Prospective Students



2011 -2012

2012
75th ANNUAL COMPETITION

**OPEN TO STUDENTS IN
GRADES 9 TO 12**

<http://www.legion.org/oratorical>

I'M INTERESTED.

**WHAT WOULD I HAVE TO DO
DURING THE CONTEST ?**

**DURING THE CONTEST YOU WOULD
HAVE TO
SPEAK TWICE:**

- 1. YOUR PREPARED ORATION
8-10 MINUTES LONG**
- 2. AN “ASSIGNED TOPIC” SPEECH
3-5 MINUTES LONG**





THE PREPARED ORATION

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-Must be your original work

**-On any topic having to do
with the United States Constitution**

**-Emphasize the responsibilities of
individual citizens to the government**

**-START WRITING EARLY
TIME GETS AWAY FROM YOU WHEN
SCHOOL STARTS !**

**-You can use the same speech all
four years of High School. It belongs to you.**



THE PREPARED ORATION

-You must memorize it.

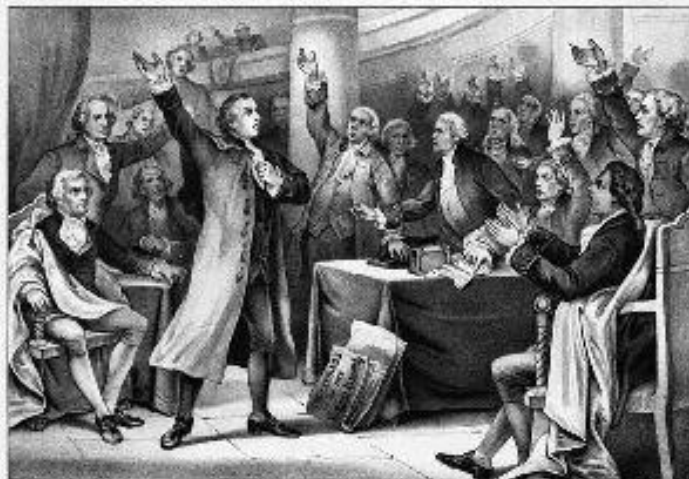
-No podium.

-No microphone.

-No notes.

-No help from the audience.

**THINK OF PATRICK HENRY
DELIVERING AN IMPASSIONED
SPEECH TO CONGRESS.**



"GIVE ME LIBERTY, OR GIVE ME DEATH!"

PATRICK HENRY delivering his famous speech on the Rights of the Colonies before the Virginia Assembly, engraved by Edward Moxon, 1776. The painting will be shown on the wall of the classroom of the school.

CHECK OUT

http://www.legion.org/legiontv?v=cont_3_prepared_12791.flv

**This is a video of the 2011 National Champion
Delivering her 8-10 minute Prepared Oration.**



THE PREPARED ORATION

**YOU WILL BE TIMED
AND JUDGED.**

**8 TO 10 MINUTES ON
SOME ASPECT OF THE
U.S. CONSTITUTION**

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF
INDIVIDUALS TO THE
GOVERNMENT**

MEMORIZED



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JUDGE'S SCORECARD

| | | Contestant | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. CONTENT | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Originality, freshness, directness, application of knowledge on topic. 16 points | Prepared Oration | 12 points | | | | | | |
| | Assigned Topic | 4 points | | | | | | |
| 2. Skill in selecting examples, description, analogies, specific data. 16 points | Prepared Oration | 12 points | | | | | | |
| | Assigned Topic | 4 points | | | | | | |
| 3. Logic (correctness of inference). 16 points | Prepared Oration | 12 points | | | | | | |
| | Assigned Topic | 4 points | | | | | | |
| 4. Comprehensiveness of knowledge, knows the subject matter. 22 points | Prepared Oration | 16 points | | | | | | |
| | Assigned Topic | 6 points | | | | | | |
| B. SPEAKING SKILLS | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Voice and diction. 10 points | Prepared Oration | 6 points | | | | | | |
| | Assigned Topic | 4 points | | | | | | |
| 2. Style: language, use, word arrangement transition, word selection. 10 points | Prepared Oration | 6 points | | | | | | |
| | Assigned Topic | 4 points | | | | | | |
| 3. Body actions: poise, eye contact, posture, gestures. 10 points | Prepared Oration | 6 points | | | | | | |
| | Assigned Topic | 4 points | | | | | | |
| | | First Totals | | | | | | |
| PENALTIES: 1 point for each minute or fraction thereof over or under allotted time. | Prepared Oration | | | | | | | |
| | Assigned Topic | | | | | | | |
| 1-10 points for failure to speak on the Constitution | | | | | | | | |
| | | Final Total Points | | | | | | |
| Position Number Highest Points=1st place; Second Highest Points=2nd place, etc... | | Placement | | | | | | |

Name of Judge: _____

Judge's Signature: _____

**THESE ARE THE CATEGORIES
THE JUDGES WILL BE EVALUATING**



THE “ASSIGNED” TOPIC

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-4 new topics are chosen every year.

The topics for 2012 are:

Article I, section 9, clause 2: "The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it."

Article IV, section 2, clause 1: "The citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens of the several states."

Amendment 14, section 2, first sentence:

"Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed."

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."

THE ASSIGNED TOPIC

-One of the “Assigned Topics” is chosen at random during the contest.

-You will be given 5 minutes to prepare your thoughts on that topic.

-Then you will give a 3 to 5 minute speech on that topic.

-So in other words, you need to be able to speak on any of the 4 potential topics.



THE ASSIGNED TOPIC

**AGAIN, YOU WILL BE
TIMED AND JUDGED.**

**3 TO 5 MINUTES ON THE
CHOSEN TOPIC.**

MUST BE MEMORIZED.

**JUDGES ARE LOOKING AT
THE SAME CATEGORIES
AS BEFORE.**

HOW DO I SIGN UP TO COMPETE ?

**The Application Form is on
the next slide. You can print it
from there, or go to**

<http://www.azlegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/ORATORICAL-APPLICATION.pdf>

**and print the form. Complete the form
and mail to the address at the top.**

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Department of Arizona
4701 N. 19th Ave., Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85015-3799
Phone (602) 264-7706**

CONTESTANT APPLICATION

Contestant's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Prepared Oration: _____
(It's OK if you don't know the title yet. Send in your application anyway.)

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature: _____
Please Print

SCHOOL REPORT

Student's School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Faculty/Sponsor Contact: _____

I first became interested in the Oratorical Contest when: _____

I will abide by all rules of the Department of Arizona and The National High School Oratorical Contest Committee and follow the instructions of each Contest Chairman.

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SENT TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS BEFORE JANUARY 15

**DO NOT WAIT FOR CONFIRMATION
THAT YOU HAVE BEEN “ACCEPTED”.
ONCE YOU SEND YOUR APPLICATION
TO US, YOU ARE A CONTESTANT.**



**MAIL THE FORM AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE AND**

START WORKING ON YOUR SPEECHES !

DO NOT WAIT !!!

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU
TO WORK WITH A SPEECH COACH !!!**



WHEN AND WHERE IS THE CONTEST ?

- Where and When you compete varies depending on where you live in Arizona, and how many students enter the contest.**
- Have your speeches ready to perform by mid February 2012.
(Remember, you have to speak 2 times at each competition.)**
- You will be called by a Chairman with the EXACT date, time, and place for YOUR contest.**

THIS IS A “PROGRESSIVE CONTEST”.

**WHEN YOU “WIN” A CONTEST, YOU
WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT CONTEST,
PROBABLY A WEEK LATER.**

The Contest Levels are:

- LOCAL or POST**
- DISTRICT (finished by February 18, 2012)**
- AREA (finished by February 25, 2012)**
- STATE (March 3, 2012, Ahwatukee)**
- NATIONAL (April 13-15, 2012, Indianapolis)**

**AGAIN, DEPENDING ON WHERE
STUDENTS LIVE AND HOW MANY
ENTER THE CONTEST, NOT ALL WILL
START AT THE SAME LEVEL.**

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY
IS AWARDED AT ALL LEVELS
OF THE CONTEST.
AWARDS RANGE FROM
\$10 TO \$1500**

**THE TOP THREE STUDENTS AT
THE NATIONAL CONTEST
RECEIVE
\$14,000
\$16,000
and
\$18,000**

**COMMUNICATION
WITH THE CHAIRMAN IS
ESSENTIAL TO A GOOD EXPERIENCE.**

ROGER MUNCHBACH

(wife, Debra, can answer questions, also.)

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