

THE AMERICAN LEGION ~ DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All contestants must complete this form and give to their respective District Americanism Chairman who will then forward to their respective Division Americanism Chairman. The Division Americanism Chairman shall mail it to: Oratorical Contest Coordinator—The American Legion, Department of Illinois P.O. Box 2910, Bloomington, IL 61702 by the contest deadline—January 26, 2018.

****Communication between the contestant and the Oratorical Contest Coordinator shall primarily be through email. Failure to communicate via email may result in the disqualification of the contestant. Please respond promptly!***

The 2018 American Legion, Department of Illinois High School Oratorical Scholarship Semi-Final/Finals is March 2-3, 2018 in Springfield, IL at the Crowne Plaza Springfield. All contestants and chaperones will arrive Friday of the contest weekend. All contestants and chaperones will stay at the official contest hotel. A mandatory pre-contest orientation for all contestants will take place Friday evening of the contest weekend. The Department of Illinois winner must be available for the 2018 National Finals April 13-15 in Indianapolis, IN at the Wyndham Indianapolis West. *(Information and instructions will be provided to the Department of IL winner)*

The contestant shall have ready a (8-10) minute prepared oration on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizens to our government. The contestant must also be prepared to present a (3-5) minute oration on any one of the (4) four assigned topics. *(see Oratorical brochure for copy of Assigned Topics)*

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Email Address: _____

(Please print legibly)

High School: _____

High School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Current grade in school: _____ 9th _____ 10th _____ 11th _____ 12th *(check one)*

Contestant signature: _____

PARENT INFORMATION:

Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone: _____

*Parent Email Address: _____

(Please print legibly)

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

POST (Sponsor*) INFORMATION:

Post #: _____ District: _____ Division: _____

Post Officer name: *(printed)* _____

Post Officer signature: _____

* Sponsor must send the \$125 fee, Oratorical Application, and signed Communication Agreement to their respective Division Americanism Chairman **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 19, 2018**. Checks payable to: American Legion Department of Illinois.

(after the January 26, 2018 deadline for the fee is non-refundable)



P.O. Box 2910, Bloomington, Illinois 61702-2910
2720 E. Lincoln Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61704-6010

CONTEST EMAIL COMMUNICATION UNDERSTANDING & AGREEMENT

As a condition of my participation in the Department Semi-Final & Finals of The American Legion High School Oratorical Program—"A Constitutional Speech Contest", I, the contestant, understand and agree to abide by the contest email communication requirements.

Communications between the contestant and the Department Oratorical Contest Coordinator shall primarily be through email. It shall be the contestants responsibility to read all material emailed, and to respond promptly to all email communications from the Department Contest Coordinator.

The contestant will receive an informational email within 5 days after the application certification deadline—January 26, 2018. Emails will provide the contestant with detailed information concerning the 2018 Department Semi-Finals & Final of The American Legion High School Oratorical Program.

Contestant (*please print*) _____

Signature of Contestant _____

Contestant Email Address: _____
(Please Print legibly)

Parent or Legal Guardian (*please print*) _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Email Address: _____
(Please Print legibly)

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