

The Forest Lake American Legion 2017-2018 Oratorical Speech Contest Entry Form

Sponsored by: The American Legion Post 225 & SAL
Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____, MN Zip Code _____
Phone (____) _____
Age: _____ School: _____ Grade _____
(grades 9th – 12th, incl. Home Schooling)

You agree to be a contestant and to follow the rules and regulations of the local American Legion Oratorical Contest to be held on **Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018**, at the Legion Post; 355 W. Broadway Ave in Forest Lake. You will give a prepared verbal presentation on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States, with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. Your Prepared Oration length should be no less than eight (8) minutes and no more than ten (10) minutes. You will also give a three (3) to five (5) minute presentation on one of the Assigned Topics (see list on next page) picked the day of the contest about some phase of the Constitution. Details are at: www.mnlegion.org (or the Nat'l site of www.legion.org) then select "Programs" and then "Oratorical Contest". For local details and copies of this entry form, go to www.post225.com, click on the scrolling "Oratorical Contest" under the center pictures, and/or call Ron Miller (651) 464-5549, ron2@miltech.org.

The use of note cards is optional for this contest, but discouraged, since district and state level contests will not allow their usage. Business attire is expected. You need to arrive by **5:15pm** to meet with the American Legion representatives. The speech contest begins at 6pm.

Scholarships awarded by Forest Lake American Legion & Sons of the American Legion (SAL):

First Place:	\$500
Second Place:	\$300
Third Place:	\$200

Understand that if you are selected as the First Place Winner, you will receive a scholarship and will represent American Legion Post 225 at the Third District Oratorical Contest scheduled for Saturday, January 13th, 2018. Further information for the Third District competition will be given to the First Place Winner the day of our local contest. The Third District winner (additional scholarship of \$300), goes to State March 3rd, 2018 and that winner (\$1,500) goes to Nationals April 14-15th (\$18,000 1st place).

ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 8 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1st.

All entrants must be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the USA, and in the Forest Lake area. You may drop the entry off in person at the Forest Lake American Legion, or you can mail or email your entry to an address below:

The American Legion Post 225
Attn: Ron Miller – Oratorical Contest Entry
355 West Broadway Ave
Forest Lake, MN 55025

email: ron2@miltech.org
(651) 464-5549
Post website: www.post225.com
click on "The Oratorical Contest"
by the center picture

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The Prepared Oration (8-10min) must be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. In the Prepared Oration, as well as in the Assigned Topic Discourse, quotations must be indicated as such. Singing is not permitted, however you may quote a verse and provide proper attribution.

The Assigned Topic Discourse will be a 3 to 5 minutes presentation on **one** of the **four** topics listed below. The purpose is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of his or her research, and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of government under the Constitution. The Assigned Topic shall be **drawn** in full view of the audience and will be made known to the audience and each contestant approximately five (5) minutes prior to the time of delivery. All contestants at each contest level are required to speak in the English language on the same Assigned Topic.

Assigned Topics for 2018

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.