

Forest Lake American Legion
2022-2023 Nat'l Oratorical Speech Contest
Entry Form

Sponsored by: The American Legion Post 225 &
Sons of the American Legion
355 W. Broadway Ave, Forest Lake, MN 55025

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Age: Grade(9-12th): School (incl. homeschool):

This **Entry Form** is **Due December 16th**. Then Contestants will submit a **Video** (or a link such as YouTube) recorded full body as if you are on a stage platform presenting your original prepared speech on some aspects of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. This prepared oration length should be no less than eight (8) minutes and no more than ten (10) minutes. **Your video is due NLT January 8th, 2023**. We will judge the entries and notify our top two contestants to also prepare short 3 to 5 minute speeches on the 4 assigned topics (see the reverse side of this form) and then compete to determine our first and second place winners. Our top winner will then represent us at the District's live competition on February 11th. Details are at: www.legion.org then select "Programs" and then Family and Youth "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, or email ron2@miltech.org.

First Place Cash Award: \$1,000, Second Place: \$600, Third Place: \$200, Participation: for our Fourth to Tenth Place is \$50.

Understand that if you are selected as our First Place Winner, you will represent Forest Lake Post 225 at the Third District Oratorical Contest **live** on Saturday, February 11th, 2023. The Third District winner (additional award of \$1,200), goes to State on February 25th, 2023 and that winner (additional \$1,500) goes to Nationals April 21st-23rd (\$25,000 1st place). All of our entrants must be citizens of, or lawful permanent residents of the USA, and live or go to school in the Forest Lake area.

ENTRY FORM Due Dec 16th, ORATORICAL *VIDEO* MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th to: Ron Miller email: ron2@miltech.org

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Your Prepared Oration (8-10min) is the same every year. So if you enter this year you can use it again next year. It must be on some aspects of the US Constitution with some emphasis on the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. In the Prepared Oration, as well as in the Assigned Topic short speeches, quotations must be indicated as such. Singing is not permitted, however you may quote a verse and provide proper attribution.

The Assigned Topic Discourse is only **for our local top two contestants** and for all at the district and higher competitions. It is a 3 to 5 minute presentation on each of the **four** topics which change each year and are summarized below. The purpose is to show the speaker's knowledge of the subject, and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of government under our Constitution of the US.

The Four Assigned Topics for 2023 Oratorical Contest

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Amendment XIV, Section 1

All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Amendment XVI

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.