



Department of New York American Legion
High School Oratorical Scholarship Program
“A Constitutional Speech Contest”



2015 - 2016

March 5, 2016

(Snow date March 12, 2016)

Sand Creek Middle School

Albany, New York 12205

ELIGIBILITY

Participants shall be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States. Contestants must be bona fide students, under the age of 20, and presently enrolled in high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school) in which the curriculum is considered to be of high school level between grade 9 and 12. Contestants must either be legally domiciled within or attend an educational institution within the Department (State) where they enter competition. Contestants can enter competition in only one Department (State).

CERTIFICATION

The Contestant Registration Form # 1 must be filled out and signed by the contestant, the principal of the high school, or the parent or guardian of the home schooler. Both the Prepared Oration and Contestant Registration Form # 1 must be submitted to the County Chairman no later than November 20, 2015.

DATES OF CONTESTS

County contests will be held between November 28, 2015 and January 9, 2016. Please contact your County Chairman to find out the date of your contest. District contests are held between January 16, 2016 and January 31, 2016, and Zone contests are held between February 6, 2016 and February 14, 2016. **The dates of each level of competition are determined by the respective chairmen.** They will contact you once they have received your Contest Registration Form # 1 and you're Prepared Oration. The Department (State) Finals will be held on March 5, 2016, at 10:00 AM, at the Sand Creek Middle School, Albany, New York. All Contestants and Chaperones must be in Albany by 4:00 PM March 4, 2016. In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, it will be held on March 12, 2016 at the same place and time, and would have to be in Albany by 4:00 PM on March 11, 2016.

The National Finals is are April 16 and 17, 2016 in Indianapolis, Indiana. All contestants must be at the contest site on April 15, 2016. The National Organization will bear the expenses for the contestant and their chaperone. See www.legion.org for additional information.

CONTEST FORMAT

New York is broken down into four levels of competition, County, District, Zone, and Department (State) Final. Each school may enter three (3) contestants in the County Contest. Preliminary County Contest maybe run if too many contestants enter prior to the County Final. For districts with two or three counties-the counties will report their first and second place winners to the District Chair; Districts with more than three counties will divide the district into two sections and each section will report the first and second place winners to the District Chair. (If out of all counties in the district only six or less contestants are competing those six contestants will be reported to the District Chair.) Two contestants from the District contest will continue on to the Zone contest, and then one contestant will go on to the Department (State) Final. There will be five contestants in the Department (State) Final of which one will go on to the National Finals.

HOW TO ENTER

Click on the Application link on the Oratorical home page and complete the Contestant Registration Form # 1. Make sure everything on the registration form is filled in. Then send the registration form, along with a copy of your oration to your local American Legion County Organization. If you do not know who to contact in your county, find you're County below and call the District or Zone Chairman that County is associated with:

Zone 1: Michael Brophy – (845) 238-8161 (michaelebrophy@aol.com)

District 1 – James Hexner
718-863-9885

Bronx County
New York County

District 9 – Daniel Morea
845-831-4650
Email: morea48@aol.com

Dutchess County
Orange County
Putnam County
Rockland County
Westchester County

Zone 2: Philip Barczak – (631) 724-8577 (barczakp@aol.com)

District 2- Joseph Cammarata
718-317-7306
Email: jcammisr1@msn.com

Kings County
Richmond County

District 10 – John T. DiGilio, Jr.
(H) 631-968-9216 (C) 516-445-9090
Email: bgjohndigilio@aol.com

Queens County
Nassau County
Suffolk County

Zone 3: Margaret Folk – (518) 747-6855 (shebearmk@roadrunner.com)

District 3 – Paul H. Passineau
518-210-4681
Email: sgtphpass@yahoo.com

Albany County
Columbia County
Greene County
Rensselaer County
Schoharie County
Sullivan County
Ulster County

District 4 – John P. Folk
518-747-6855
Email: shebearMK@roadrunner.com

Clinton County
Essex County
Franklin County
Fulton County
Hamilton County
Montgomery County
St. Lawrence County
Saratoga County
Schenectady County
Warren County
Washington County

Zone 4: Philip A. Seybert – (315) 777-7177 (philipseybert@yahoo.com)

District 5 – Lynn May
(H) 315-642-3408 (C) 315-486-9958
Email: lynnmay.csea@yahoo.com

Herkimer County
Jefferson County
Lewis County
Oneida County
Onondaga County
Oswego County

District 6 – Robert Gardner
607-760-9159
Email: americanlegion974@frontier.com

Broome County
Chemung County
Chenango County
Cortland County
Delaware County
Madison County
Otsego County
Schuyler County
Tioga County
Tompkins County

Zone 5: Lee Brusino – (716) 695-3617 (oxnrdeeb@aol.com)

District 7 – Gregory Marion
(H) 315-536-6771 (C) 315-729-0669
Email: grgrymarion@yahoo.com

Cayuga County
Livingston County
Monroe County
Ontario County

Seneca County
Steuben County
Wayne County
Yates County

District 8 – Walter Ackley
716-664-1692
Email: walterackley@gmail.com

Allegany County
Canada County
Cattaraugus County
Chautauqua County
Erie County

Genesee County
Niagara County
Orleans County
Wyoming County

You may also contact one of the following for assistance:

Ann Wilsey, Program Coordinator	1-800-332-6632	annie@nylegion.org
Anthony L. Paternostro, Department Chairman	1-516-308-7019	paternosala@aol.com

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