

PURPOSE

The purpose of the NH American Legion Junior Oratorical Contest is to allow students in grades 6 through 8 an opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the Constitution of the United States.

It will also serve as a steppingstone for The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest and develop at a young age the ability to address an audience.

AWARDS

First Place:	\$500.00 Check
Second Place:	\$400.00 Check
Third Place:	\$300.00 Check
Fourth Place:	\$200.00 Check
Fifth Place:	\$100.00 Check
Runners up:	\$25.00 Check

ELIGIBILITY

All students in state of NH accredited schools or approved home study students in grades 6 through 8 shall be eligible through their assigned school and District.

CONTEST FORMAT

The contest shall be conducted in two (2) phases.

1. PREPARED ORATION

The subject of the Prepared Oration must be on some phase of the Constitution of the United States and will be from 3 to 5 minutes in duration. A penalty of 1 point shall be assessed for each minute or fraction thereof over or under the allotted time.

These orations can be drafted in advance and students will be allowed to use 3X5 cards FOR REFERENCE ONLY. Reading the oration is NOT allowed. No amplification will be used.

2. ASSIGNED TOPIC

Contestants will be asked to speak for 2 to 3 minutes on a topic relating to the Constitution of the United States. A penalty of 1 point shall be assessed for each minute or fraction thereof over or under the allotted time.

A total of 3 topics will be made available to contestants prior to the contest and one of these topics will be selected at random at the site of the contest. Contestants will be given a 5 minute period to prepare these deliveries and may use 3X5 cards FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

(See the back cover for Assigned Topics.)

JUDGING

Contestants will be judged on:

- Originality
- Skill in selecting examples
- How well they know the topic
- Voice and diction
- Body actions, poise, eye contact, Posture, gestures
- Body action

JUDGES

Qualified judges will be selected by the NH American Legion Junior Oratorical Committee for the state contest.

NOTE

All participating schools shall select one or two finalists to represent their school in the NH American Legion Junior Oratorical District Contest, and will be provided with the judging format.

If schools need help with judging, they should contact:

603-856-8951 ext 5

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Department of NH

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Assigned Topics for 2018 Contest

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

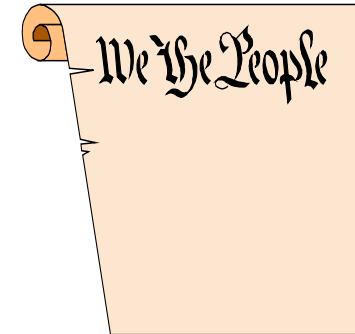
Section 1.
The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.



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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
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PROGRAM**

**CONTEST DATE
April 7, 2018, 9:00 AM
Contestants arrive between
8:00 & 8:15
NH Institute of Politics
Saint Anselm College**