

# 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 24, 2015.

***\*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 2015 American Legion, Department of Illinois High School Oratorical Scholarship Semi-Final/Finals is March 6-7 in Peoria, IL at the Peoria Civic Center. 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 2015 National Finals April 10-12 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant sponsor must send the \$125 fee, Oratorical Application, and signed Communication Agreement to their respective Division Americanism Chairman ***NO LATER THAN JANUARY 24, 2015.*** *(after deadline fee is non-refundable)*

Checks payable to: American Legion Department of Illinois.



P.O. Box 2910, Bloomington, Illinois 61702-2910  
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## 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 24, 2015. Emails will provide the contestant with detailed information concerning the 2015 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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