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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Mississippi**

**HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

“A Constitutional Speech Contest”

Scholarship Awards for Every Level

Mississippi Finalists: \$3000 / \$2500 / \$2000 . . .

Mississippi Champion: USM Merit Scholarship

National Finalists: \$18,000 / \$16,000 / \$14,000

Minimum \$1500 for National Levels

State Final Contest at Jackson March 9, 2019

National Finals at Indianapolis April 5-7, 2019

Eligibility: Students in Grades 9 - 12

Home School / Public School / Private School / Parochial School

Register On-Line or Contact:

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September 13, 2018

The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program
"A Constitutional Speech Contest"

Students c/o Kelly Treadway
 Corinth High School
 1310 North Harper Road
 Corinth, MS 38834

Dear Students,

If you are interested in our Oratorical Contest, please download the Official Rules brochure for this year on page 4 of our website below. I am forwarding your contact information to American Legion Posts in your District, who should contact you when they schedule their Post Level Contest. However, if you are seriously interested in entering, please fill out and send me a copy of your registration form on the back of this letter, and I will put them in touch with you. The deadline set for entry level contests is January 21, 2019, however, extra time may be granted before your District Contest date. You may enter more than one Post Level Contest, but you may only enter through a Post in the District in which you live or attend school. First and Second Place winners advance from each level to the next within the state, and whenever a winner at any level declines to advance, the next runner-up may advance, however, only the State Champion or a runner-up can go to the National Finals.

In addition to certificates, pins, and medals, the Scholarship Awards donated by The American Legion Mississippi Delta Post 1776 are listed below:

Level:	Scholarship Awards				State Final	Merit Scholarship to USM for Qualifying Champion
	Post	District	Area			
1st Place	\$300	\$500	\$900	\$3000 +		
2nd Place	200	400	700	2500		
3rd Place	100	300	500	2000		
4th+ Place	50	100	300	1000		
7th+ Place	10	20				

Contestants must register and give both their Prepared Oration and Assigned Topic Discourse to receive these Scholarship Awards. See the Official Rules brochure for the Assigned Topics and a complete discussion of the standards of conduct. The National Level Scholarships are from \$1,500 to \$18,000.

The District and Area Level contest period begins January 22, 2019. The State Final Contest for Mississippi will be held Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at Millsaps College, Jackson, followed by an awards banquet on site. The State Champion will represent Mississippi in the National Finals at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 5-7, 2019, and travel will be provided. You may see video presentations and download more information at www.legion.org/oratorical. The National Final Contest will be web-cast live via www.legion.org/legiontv at 9:00 a.m. C.D.T. on Sunday, April 7.

Wishing you the best of success, and please let me know if I can help you in any way. Check out the new info on page 5 of our website.

Yours truly,

Joseph D. Kersh

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P.S. A preparation guide may be purchased at www.ConstitutionSpeechPrep.com, not affiliated with The American Legion.

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☆ DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI ☆

☆ REGISTRATION FORM ☆

Contestant's Name: _____ Date: _____
(No Nicknames)

Telephone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Name of High School: _____ Grade in School: _____

School Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Title of Prepared Oration: _____

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sponsoring Post</u> Post No. _____</p> <p>Post Name: _____</p> <p>Commander: _____</p> <p>Add: _____ Phone: _____ (Street)</p> <p>_____ (City) (State) (Zip) Email: _____</p> <p>Contact Person: _____</p> <p>Add: _____ Phone: _____ (Street)</p> <p>_____ (City) (State) (Zip) Email: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>To be completed by Contest Officials:</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Contest</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Date</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Standing</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Awards</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Post No: _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>District: _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area: _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dept. Final: _____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Total Scholarship Awards:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date: _____</td> <td>Ck# _____</td> <td colspan="2">G.T.\$ _____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Contest</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Standing</u>	<u>Awards</u>	Post No: _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	District: _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	Area: _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	Dept. Final: _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	Total Scholarship Awards:				Date: _____	Ck# _____	G.T.\$ _____	
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