The American Legion, Department of South Carolina will sponsor The American Legion 83rd Annual High School Oratorical Scholarship Program - “A Constitutional Speech Contest”, for students presently enrolled in grades nine through twelve in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school) in which the curriculum of said high school is considered to be of high school level.

The purpose of The American Legion’s Oratorical Constitutional Speech Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. State finalists have the chance to earn one of four Department scholarships:

1st Place - $2500.00 scholarship
2nd Place $1500.00 scholarship
3rd Place - $750.00 scholarship
4th Place - $750.00 scholarship

The certified winner of our Department contest that goes to and participates in the National contest receives a $2,000.00 National scholarship and a chance to win one of three National scholarships:

1st Place- 25,000.00 scholarship
2nd Place - $22,500.00 scholarship
3rd Place - $20,000.00 scholarship

The Rules and Regulations brochure and flyer for your bulletin board are enclosed. Additional Rules and Regulations brochures and flyers are available from the Department website – http://www.scarolinalegion.org under “Programs” and then “H.W. Dare Maness High School Oratorical Program”

The Commander and Adjutant of your local American Legion Post have received the Rules and Regulations brochure and have been asked to personally contact your school to request your cooperation.

If you have interested students, please do not hesitate to contact your local American Legion Post, Department Chairman Debanjan ‘Joy’ Datta at 843-270-6049 or joydatta@comcast.net or Department Headquarters at 803-612-1171 x 35.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your continued support of this program.