

2021 Constitutional Speech Contest Information

Student Eligibility

- Must be a United States Citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Enrolled as a High School Student (Grades 9-12) or equivalent if home schooled
- Must be under 20 years of age on the date of the National Contest
- Must reside, or attend school, in Washington

Post/Sponsor Activities

- Student must be sponsored by a Post, Auxiliary Unit, SAL Squadron or Riders Chapter
- Sponsoring organization must submit application with \$150 sponsorship fee by 31 January 2021.
- Sponsor must certify Contestant by 15 February 2021 (see website or ask District Chairman for help)
- All competitions will be held at Ephrata High School in Ephrata, WA on March 13, 2021.
- The four finalists will earn scholarships totaling \$5,000 (\$2,000/\$1,500/\$1,000/\$500).

Student Activities

- Each contestant must research, write and memorize an 8 to 10 minute speech on the United States Constitution which is to be delivered without notes, props, lectern or amplification.
- Each contestant will be required to deliver a 3 to 5 minute speech on one of 4 randomly picked assigned topics. The 4 topics can be found on our web site (www.WAConstitutionalSpeechContest.org) each contestant will be given 5 minutes to prepare for the assigned topic presentation.
- All contestants **must** attend the contestant briefings at 8PM the evening prior to the contest (March 12th), or be disqualified.
- Each contestant must be accompanied by a chaperone at least 21 years of age. Lodging for the contestant and chaperone will be arranged for and paid by the American Legion. Travel for the contestant will be reimbursed at a rate of 15 cents per mile from their home to the contest site and back.
- Due to COVID-19 precautions, it is requested that only the contestant and their chaperone attend rather than a larger family group.

Contest Chairman:

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