



# The American Legion of Iowa

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# American Legion Post 403

## Oratorical Contest Application Form

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Post 403 American Legion "Oratorical Contest". The contest is designed to instill a greater knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States in high school students. Other objectives include the development of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Another purpose of the program is to assist students in paying the high cost of college education.

This year's Post competition will be held December 2, 2023 starting at 9:00 a.m. (students are asked to arrive at 8:30 a.m.) at the Van Meter School Performing Arts Center. Requirements to compete in the Post Contest are:

- Students must be classified in high school grades 9 -12 and be a member of the communities in which the Post serves. (Communities are: Booneville, De Soto, and Van Meter.) (If you are interested in participating in the contest but live outside our communities, please contact our Post and we will try to connect you with a Post in your community to pass on your interest.)
- Student must have submitted this application and a written copy of the 8 to 10 minute Prepared Oration they will be using for the Post contest.
- Application and speech must be submitted and received by November 27, 2023 at Post address of PO Box 81, Van Meter, IA 50261 or at email contact defined below.
- Selected as a candidate from the list of candidates applying for the competition. Contest date candidates are limited to (at most) 5 candidates on the Contest date due to the time required for the candidates to give 8-10 minute speech. In the event of more than five candidates applying, candidates will be selected by local community leaders based upon candidate application date receipt and written 8-10 minute speech submitted with the application. Individuals will be notified of acceptance as a candidate by November 29, 2023.

Any questions on the contest may be directed to Vince Junker at 701-712-6236 Questions, application, and speech may also be sent to email address [vcjunker@msn.com](mailto:vcjunker@msn.com). State and National Contest details can also be acquired by visiting Iowa Department website at [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org) and clicking on link for Youth Programs and subsequent link for Oratorical. Thank you.

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## Application Contestant Details Section

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Grade Classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from father's)

Name of your high school? \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Your 8-10 Minute Prepared  
Oration: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you visited [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org) website for contest details?

Please submit written copy of 8-10 minute Prepared Oration with this application.

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT POST BY NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

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