

ASSIGNED TOPICS FOR 2026 ORATORICAL CONTEST

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article III

Section 3. Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court.

The Congress shall have Power to declare the Punishment of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attainted.

Article IV

Section 4. The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

Article VI

Clause 3. The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.

PRIZE MONEY AWARDED:

Post level:

For the first place winner, they suggested amount is \$150 for the first place winner(Suggested) \$100 For the second place winner (Suggested) \$50 For the third place winner (Suggested) \$25 For the fourth place winner. (You advance two winners from the Post level)

District level:

For the first place winner, they suggested amount is \$300 for the first place winner(Suggested) \$200For the second place winner (Suggested) \$100For the third place winner (Suggested) \$75 For the fourth place winner. \$50 For the fifth and sixth place winners. (Suggested) (You will advance two winners from the district level)

Area level:

(This is paid for by DEPT)

Each area will hold their own respective competition. Each Area chairman will be responsible for getting their checks to be presented at the end of their competition.

For the first place winner, the suggested amount is \$600 for the first place winner(Suggested) \$500 for the second place winner (Suggested) \$300 for the third place winner (Suggested) \$200 for the fourth place winner. \$100 for Fifth and sixth place winners. (Suggested) You will advance two winners from each AREA level to the finals at the DEPT level)

Dept (FINALS) State level:

(This is paid for by DEPT) Department Chairman is responsible for checks and trophies at State level.

For the first place winner, the suggested amount is \$2000.00 for the first place winner(Suggested) \$1800.00 for the second place winner (Suggested) \$1500.00 for the third place winner (Suggested) \$500.00 for the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth place winners.

Only one winner will be chosen to attend the national finals in Hillsdale, Michigan at Hillsdale College in May. Second place runner-up will also fill out the paperwork just in case the first place winner will not be able to attend.

Top prizes at NATIONAL are as follows:

\$2000.00 attending and competing in National Competition.

Additional

\$2000.00 for making Semi-Finals (top 15)

3rd Place - \$20,000.00 plus 4,000.00

2nd Place - \$22,500.00 plus 4,000.00

1st Place - \$25,000.00 plus 4,000.00

All national competitors get airfare, room and meals, transportation to and from airport. Plus one guest. Hope this answers your questions. It is a spectacular competition and fantastic event for all.