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TO: Counselors, Post, District, Area Chairman and Speech & Debate Instructors
FROM: Paul G. Johnson, Department of Arizona Oratorical Chairman

SUBJ: 2026-2027 High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest

We are asking for your assistance with recruiting students for participation in the Oratorical Contest.

The National Rule and Regulations for competition can be viewed online at http://www.legion.org/oratorical

Enclosed with this letter is the Arizona State Brochure and Application. The Application Form will be accepted online from NOW until 31 January 2027 or earlier. Information can be found online at www.azlegion.org/programs.

Dates for local competition are enclosed and contests will begin January of 2027, depending on when each Post that participates have their contest and continue through to the State finals scheduled to be held in March 2027, at a location TBD at Department Conference.

Additional information may be obtained by calling The American Legion Headquarters in Phoenix at (602) 264-7706. Calls may also be directed to Chairman Paul G. Johnson, (623) 399-0633 or email pjchef2000@gmail.com.

Last Day for Applications - January 31, 2027

Table with 4 columns: Post Level, Jan 01, 2027, Jan 24, 2027, Completion. Rows include District Level, Area Level, and Department Finals.

Area (A, B, C) Competition- must be completed on or before MARCH 14th, 2027. Locations to be announced to each Area Chairman.

National Competition – May 14 - 16, 2027, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO THE APPROPRIATED EDUCATOR IN YOUR SCHOOL THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Johnson
Department of Arizona | Chairman | Oratorical