

2024 Alabama Oratorical Competition

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NATIONAL FINALS

DATES ARE CHANGING AND WE ARE MOVING

- The 2024 National Finals will be May 17-19 in **Hillsdale, Mich., at Hillsdale College**. Quarterfinal and semifinal contests are scheduled for Saturday, May 18 with the finals scheduled for Sunday, May 19.
- All contestants and chaperones will arrive the Friday of the contest weekend. All contestants and chaperones will stay on campus at Hillsdale College.

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ELIGIBILITY

Contestants who are presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (**public, parochial, military, private or state accredited home school**) in which the curriculum of said school is of high school level commencing with grade nine (9) and terminating with grade twelve (12)

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2024 ASSIGNED TOPICS

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- **Amendment II** – A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

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• **Amendment XXIII** – The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the State, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

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- **Amendment XXV, Section 3** – Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

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Amendment V – No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, not be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

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- **In hopes of increasing awareness and participation. We will be sending emailing to all school Superintendents and school counselors state-wide (both Public and Private) information along with the monthly. This information will include, the Department Oratorical Booklet, and the National Oratorical Brochure**

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- Please send your Post and District Oratorical contact info to Vice Chairman Jerry McClain @
- Please send the date, time, and location of your competitions to Chairman Willie Rogers @
- The committee is available **to assist** you in setting up and conducting your contest

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- If you are not holding a competition because you cannot afford a cash reward; **you do not have to reward cash prizes at the Post level**
- Districts and Divisions are rewarding cash scholarships. If you need to know those amounts, please contact your District and Division Commanders
- The objective is to get the best students to the finals. Please check to ensure what is being offered in your District and Division

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FROM THE WEBPAGE

All the information needed to conduct your Oratorical program can be found on the Department of Alabama Oratorical web page at www.legional.org:

- 2023-2024 Oratorical Booklet
- 2023-2024 Oratorical Brochure
- Oratorical Contest Script
- Numerous other forms for contest

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DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA ORATORICAL CONTEST **DATES**

- School Contests Not later than: **3 FEB 2024**
- County/Zone/Post Contest: **17 FEB 2024**
- District Contest: **2 MAR 2024**
- Division Contest: **16 MAR 2024**
- Department Contest: **30 MAR 2024 (Department of Alabama Archives and History)**
- National Finals: **MAY 17TH – 19TH – Hillsdale College, MI**

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STATE FINALS / NATIONAL FINALS

First Place	\$2,500.00	\$25,000
Second Place	\$1,500.00	\$22,500
Third Place	\$1,000.00	\$20,000

State Winner \$ 2,000 (Certified)

Each Department winner who is certified into and participates in the first round of the National Contest will receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship.

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INFORMATION

ORATORICAL BOOKLET (Dept Website)

ORATORICAL BROCHURE (National Website)

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