

**West Central High School
William H. Crippen Post 62 Humboldt
Urban-Hanson Post 118 Hartford
Oratorical Scholarship Contest**

The contest involves 2 parts. They are a(n):

1) Prepared Oration:

The student will delivered a prepared 8-10 minute oration on some aspect of the United States Constitution with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. The student may use note cards in the local level round 1 competition. Note cards may NOT be used in the local level round 2 competition.

2) Assigned Topics:

Students must research and prepare responses to the four assignment topics below. After the prepared oration is complete, the student will then speak on one (randomly selected the day of the competition) of the four assigned topics for 3-5 minutes. The purpose of the assigned topic discourse is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of his/her research, and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of government under the Constitution. The student may use note cards in the local level round 1 competition. Note cards may NOT be used in the local level round 2 competition. **Assigned topics for the 202-24 competition are described on the back of this handout.**

Prizes:

Local Level Round 1: (December Date - TBD; 8:30 am - 11:30 pm; meet in the high school library; please dress professional)

1st Place prize for each grade level 9th - 12th will be scholarship money of \$50.00

***All participants will be awarded \$10.00 in scholarship money**

***Grade level winners will need to participate in Round 2 to collect the additional \$40 scholarship money**

Local Level Round 2: (Date and Time - TBD)

***1st Place - Scholarship money of \$200.00 and will advance to District 7 competition**

***2nd Place - Scholarship money of \$100.00 and will be the alternate participant in the District 7 competition.**

Assigned Topics for 2024 Oratorical Contest

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.

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.

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.

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.