

# 2025 Constitutional Speech Contest Information

## Student Eligibility

- Must be a United States Citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Enrolled as a High School Student (Grades 9-12) or equivalent if home schooled
- Must be under 20 years of age on the date of the National Contest
- Must reside, or attend school, in Washington

## Post/Sponsor Activities

- Student must be sponsored by a Post, Auxiliary Unit, SAL Squadron or Riders Chapter
- Sponsoring organization must submit application with \$150 sponsorship fee by February 5, 2025.
- Sponsor must certify contestant by February 15, 2025 (see website or ask Department Chairman for help)
- All competitions will be held at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake the weekend of March 28-29, 2025.
- The four finalists will earn scholarships totaling \$5,000 (\$2,000/\$1,500/\$1,000/\$500).

## Student Activities

- Each contestant must research, write and memorize an 8 to 10 minute speech on the United States Constitution which is to be delivered without notes, props, lectern or amplification.
- Each contestant will be required to deliver a 3 to 5 minute speech on one of 4 randomly picked assigned topics. The 4 topics can be found on our web site (<https://waconstitutionalspeechcontest.org/>) each contestant will be given 5 minutes to prepare for the assigned topic presentation.
- All contestants **must** attend the contestant briefings at 8PM the evening prior to the contest or be disqualified.
- Each contestant must be accompanied by a chaperone at least 21 years of age.
- Lodging for the contestant and chaperone will be arranged for and paid by the American Legion. Travel for the contestant will be reimbursed at a rate of 15 cents per mile from their home to the contest site and back.

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