



Dear Student,

We are thrilled you have decided to participate in the 2025 Oratorical Contest representing the Idaho Panhandle. Post Falls veterans are honored to host the local contest at Post 143. *Please remember your completed 2025 Oratorical Contest Application must be received by December 11, 2024!*

To stay updated on all the current information about the 2025 contest, we urge you to visit <https://www.legion.org/oratorical>. You will find a treasure trove of facts, rules, videos, and more to help you prepare for the contest.

As you explore the national website, you will see that the link for the Idaho State contest still needs to be updated for our local event.

Here are the details:

Our contest will be held on December 21, 2024, at the American Legion Post 143, 1138 E Poleline Avenue in Post Falls. The first speaker will take the stage at 9:00 a.m. You should arrive at Post 143 by 8:30 a.m. at the latest.

Random lots, drawn before the contest starts, will determine the order of presentation for both the prepared and assigned orations.

Prepared orations (8 to 10 minutes) will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until all participants have delivered their prepared speeches. A break will be followed by assigned topic orations (3 to 5 minutes), continuing until all participants have spoken. After that, the judges will convene to determine the winners. Results will be announced, and the contest will be officially closed.

Again, please use <https://www.legion.org/oratorical> as your go-to source for all the information required to prepare for the competition.

We will award two scholarship amounts for our contest in Post Falls: \$500 and \$250. Only the first-place orator will attend the 2025 Department of Idaho Oratorical Contest (TBD). Travel and lodging to the Department of

Idaho contest will be paid at \$0.20 per mile; lodging will be provided the night before. An adult chaperone MUST accompany female contestants.

I appreciate your interest in the American Legion Oratorical contest. We wish you the best of luck.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions during your preparation regarding the contest conduct.

Sincerely,

Vic Parrish

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