



AMERICAN LEGION POST 295 VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL



HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SET

Post 295's High School Oratorical Contest will be held on January 13th at 10 am, location TBD. Please notify us if you have a contestant.

For rules and topic information visit [National's site here](#)

Application Deadlines

ALA Girls State
March 15th

AL Boys State
April 15th

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DATELINE (NEWS)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dear Robert,

This email outlines the Legion's programs for Children and Youth Programs and deadlines for applications.

Bob Ouellette
Post Commander

In this email.

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Maryland American Legion Boys State

In Maryland, Boys State is conducted annually and typically begins on Fathers Day and runs through the following Saturday. To be eligible for Boys State, a youth must be a male who have successfully completed their junior year in high school and not have entered their senior year of high school. Any boy who has previously attended a Boys State is not eligible.



Applications may be obtained through local high school class counselors or by downloading an application by clicking [here](#).

Completed applications should be sent to American Legion Post 295 by, April 15th. Applications will not be accepted after May 15th.

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state

Students wishing to attend Girls State must have their applications submitted no later than March 15th. Applications received after the deadline will be returned.

Girls State applicant will need to attend a Girl's State Orientation.

April

6 - TBD Mountain District
1:00PM

7 - Harry White Wilmer #82
6330 N.Crain Highway,
LaPlata, MD 20646 9:00AM

7 - Towson #22 125 York Rd,
Towson, MD 21204
2:00PM

14 - Glen Arden #275 8201
Martin Luther King Highway
Glenarden, MD 20706
9:00AM

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20- TBD Western Maryland
District 2:00PM

21 - Pasadena #277 73676
Carbide Rd, Riviera Beach,
MD 21123 9:00PM

2nd Annual
POW/MIA Missing
Man Run

government. Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935 when it organized to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps.

The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a similar program for young ladies called Girls State. At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices.

Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by local American Legion posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion post, a local business or another community-based organization.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

GIRLS STATE is a residential training program for high school girls and is held in almost all 50 states



every year. The objective is to provide "hands on" training in the management of a democratic government at city, county and state levels. Topics such as the structure of the various levels of government, simulated legislation, two-party politics and the workings of various government offices will be covered. A talent show and a career fair are also planned.

ELIGIBLE young women must have just completed their junior year of high school in the upper 1/3 of their class and must be U.S. citizens residing in Maryland. They do not need to be a Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary but non-resident Junior members of Maryland Units are also eligible. A young woman who is otherwise eligible but is not a U.S. citizen or who does not live

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Spectre 17

Saturday Sept 14th
Gaithersburg to
DELMARVA Bike
Week

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in Maryland (except MD Jr. Unit members) may attend.

SELECTION: is based on interest in government and the qualities of Leadership, Character, Honesty, Physical Fitness, Scholarship and Cooperativeness.

Once you have received the information forms, it would be a good idea to interview the girls before making your selection. At the time of the interview make sure you have a completed application form, signed by the parent or guardian.

Chances are you will have more good prospects than you can afford to send. It's a good idea to select one or two alternates who can fill in if someone has to drop out. However, you might be able to find another local group or individual willing to provide funds so you can send them all.

INTERVIEW: the interested girls with at least one of their parents or guardians. Impress upon them that, although they will have a good time, this is a WEEK OF WORK and that they are expected to abide by the rules. Be sure to impress upon them that they should notify you IMMEDIATELY if for some reason they cannot attend in order to give a substitute time to get ready. Have them fill out the official application blank and sign waivers at this time. Once selected, they will need to provide a check for the \$35 registration fee made out to the sponsoring Unit. The registration fee is to be added to the Girls State fee and attached to the application when sent to Department. Be sure to tell the parents that there is a resident nurse on staff and a hospital near campus. Discuss transportation to and from Girls State. This is normally provided by the family, but should be arranged by the sponsoring Unit if necessary. Parents will also want to know that the college provides fine security arrangements.

ORIENTATION: will be held for all seven Districts. **Each applicant that is selected must attend an orientation to attend Maryland Girls State.** Dates and locations will be available prior to the interview process. These orientations will give an overview of the Girls State program and the applicants will be provided information packets that tells them where and when to report, what to bring, and provides a medical form for their doctor to complete.

American Legion Baseball

Gaithersburg Post 295 accepts players living in the Northwest, Quince Orchard or Watkins Mill High Schools.



Since 1925, The American Legion has sponsored a nationwide youth baseball program. During these past eight decades, millions of young players have enjoyed playing baseball. The American Legion and their 2.8 million members have raised millions of dollars each year for players to learn the importance of teamwork, discipline, leadership and good sportsmanship. The American Legion sponsors American Legion Baseball to give players an opportunity to develop their skills, personal fitness, leadership qualities and to have fun.

In that time, The American Legion Baseball Program has produced over fifty professional baseball players who have been enshrined in The Baseball Hall of Fame. Included among these are the following Baltimore Orioles:

Brooks Robinson

Frank Robinson

Jim Palmer

Eddie Murray

Reggie Jackson

George Kell

Robin Roberts

Hoyt Wilhelm

For more information on American Legion Baseball, contact the Department of Maryland Headquarters or the local American Legion Post in your area, to see if they sponsor an American Legion Baseball team.

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HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST SET

American Legion Post 295's High School Oratorical Contest is set for 10 AM, Saturday, January 12th. Location is American Legion Post 86, 2013 Viers Mill Rd, Rockville. The Oratorical Contest presents participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of

the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

"A constitutional speech contest"

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former president candidate Alan Keyes and CNN anchor Lou Dobbs.

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