SD AMERICAN LEGION “BIG 3” AMERICANISM PROGRAMS

**ORATORICAL CONTEST**

**What:** “Constitutional Speech Contest”

**When:** December—April as participants advance
- Local Level — Competition in December
- District Level — Competition in January
- State Level — February 23, 2020
- National Level — April 17—19, 2020

**Eligibility:** High School students

**When/Where:** Contact your local American Legion Post for information.

**AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS**

State Level: 1st place: $1,000; 2nd place: $500; 3rd place: $300

National Level: $2,000 for 1st round, $2,000 for 2nd round, and for final round:
- 1st place: **$20,000**
- 2nd place: **$17,000**
- 3rd place: **$15,000**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

www.sdlegion.org/oratorical-scholarship
www.legion.org/oratorical-finals

**BOYS STATE**

**What:** “Premier program for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for your rights as a citizen.”

**When:** June 1—5, 2020

**Where:** Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD.

**Eligibility:** Following Junior year of High School only.

**Application Deadline:** March 31, 2020.

**AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Samsung Scholarship:** Up to $10,000.
- South Dakota Colleges and Universities offer scholarships to Boys State attendees.
- **Chandler L. Beach Memorial “Spirit of Boys State” Award:** $500

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

www.southdakotaboysstate.com

**YOUTH TROOPER ACADEMY**

**What:** Residential learning experience for young adults to increase their understanding of the job of a state trooper and to develop better relationships between the youth of our state and the Highway Patrol.

**When:** June 22—26, 2020

**Where:** Pierre SD

**Eligibility:** Entering senior year of high school or have just graduated high school. **Only 24 chosen statewide each year.**

**Application Deadline:** Late March (see weblink below for exact dates).

**PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:**

Invaluable training in:
1) Firearms safety,
2) Defensive driving,
3) Defensive tactics,
4) Crash investigation,
5) Criminal law,
6) Traffic stops, and
7) LEADERSHIP.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

www.sdlegion.org/sd-youth-trooper-academy/