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 21, 2021
- National Level — April 9—11, 2021
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: $25,000
2nd place: $22,500
3rd place: $20,000

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.sdlegion.org/oratorical-scholarship
www.legion.org/oratorical

BOYS STATE
What: “Premier program for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for your rights as a citizen.”
When: May 31-June 5, 2021
Where: Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD.
Eligibility: Following Junior and Senior year of High School. (Proposed)
Application Deadline: See weblink below.

AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS
- Samsung Scholarship: Up to $10,000.
- SD 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
www.sdlegion.org/boys-state/

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 21—25, 2021
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.

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