**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

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**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 4, 2021

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

**Eligibility:** Following Junior and Senior year of High School. (This year only.)

**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/

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**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,
  7) LEADERSHIP and
  8) Compete for two $500 Scholarships

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**
www.sdlegion.org/sd-youth-trooper-academy/