ORATORICAL CONTEST

What: “Constitutional Speech Contest”

When: December—May as participants advance
- Local Level — Competition in December
- District Level — Competition in January
- State Level — February 18, 2024
- National Level — May 17—19, 2024

Eligibility: High School students

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

AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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 27-31, 2024

Where: Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD.

Eligibility: Following Junior and Senior year of High School.

Application Deadline: See weblink below.

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 24—28, 2024

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/