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Greetings:

My name is Michael Simon. I am the Director of Internal Affairs for The American Legion Department of Texas. My job is to oversee the various programs sponsored by The American Legion at the State level. I am sending this letter to provide an opportunity for your students.

One of our most popular programs is the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. In this program students are required to give a prepared 8 to 10 minute oration on a selected area of the United States Constitution. Then they also give a 3 to 5 minute talk on a topic assigned at the competition.

Eligible participants in the contest shall be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States. All contestants must be bona fide students herein described as any student under the age of twenty (20) years on the date of the National Contest who is presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school) in which the curriculum of said high school is considered to be of high school level, commencing with grade nine (9) and terminating with grade twelve (12). Students must be enrolled in high school or junior high school during the time of participation at any level of The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. Contestants must either be legally domiciled within or attend an educational institution within the Department (State) that they enter competition. Contestants can enter competition through only one Department. The three finalists of the National Contest are ineligible for further participation at any level.

Not all American Legion Posts sponsor this program. If your school is interested in receiving further information on participating in the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, please contact your local American Legion Post to check on their participation. Further information is also available on the web at <http://www.legion.org/programs/youthprograms/oratorical>.

I hope this letter will peak your interest in the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. This program is an excellent tool to assist students in furthering their education and public speaking talents.

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