



CONSTITUTION DAY September 17, 2019
ORATORICAL CONTEST
Sponsored by: SPC Student Government Association, Seminole
Campus



GENERAL INFORMATION

- The purpose of this constitutional oratorical contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States among SPC students.
- Also, the contest aims at developing leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently.
- The contest will help SPC students to accept the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of US citizenship.

RULES

- The prepared oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. See the suggested topics below.
- **It must be the original effort of each contestant and must not take up less than six minutes or more than 10 minutes for delivery.**
- Contestant may consult a copy of their prepared oration (front of an index card allowed). However, they should not read directly from their prepared notes.

SUGGESTED TOPICS

- **Amendment 1:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.
- **Amendment 2:** A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.
- **Amendment 4:** The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.
- **Amendment 8:** Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.
- **Amendment 15:** Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
- **Article 2, Section 4:** The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

AWARDS (Check or gift card)

- The contest will have a total of three winners, including a grand prize winner
- The Grand Prize winner will receive \$75, 2nd place will receive \$50, and 3rd place will receive \$25.

