Hope all is well with your high school and that 2024-25 is off to a great start! I am Commander Oscar Outen of the Sam F Keziah Unionville American Legion Post 535. We are promoting an American Legion scholarship opportunity!

The [American Legion Oratorical High School Scholarship Program](#) for 2025 is a public speaking contest in which high school students in grades 9-12 are judged on their knowledge and communication about the U.S. Constitution.

The local first place finisher will receive a $50 award to help cover travel expenses to the Regional (District 17) contest on February 8, 2025 for Union, Cabarrus, and Stanly counties. The winner advances to the regional, then perhaps state and even national competitions. Scholarship awards at higher levels of competition range from a few hundred dollars to $25,000 for the national first-place finisher.

Who should apply:
Students interested in government or civic organizations and that plan to study social sciences, history, and perhaps law as undergraduates and beyond. Good communication skills are a definite plus.

Please share this message with the following staff members, at a minimum:

- Counseling
- Student Council Advisor
- Social Studies - Department Head & AP History/Government Teachers
- JROTC Instructors
- Debate Club Advisor

Deadline to apply:
Interested students or their family, should contact me directly by **Wednesday, November 27** at ooouten@yahoo.com

Contest date:
Saturday, January 25, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Contest Location:
Sam F. Keziah Unionville American Legion Post 535
6112 Concord Highway, Monroe NC 28110

Our American Legion Post 535 supports its members and other local veterans, but we are also involved and/or sponsor a range of youth programs: BSA Troop 316 and Crew 1316, Legion Baseball, Golf, Piedmont Shooting Sports, and Union Co AFJROTC. In 2025 we will sponsor a rising UCPS senior at Tar Heel Boys State.

Finally, **please reply and acknowledge receipt of this message**, and thank you in advance for your consideration!