

**DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
PAST CHAMPIONS**

2010 Nicholas Everetts, Fountain Hills H.S.
2009 Clayton Masterman, River Valley H.S.
2008 Michael Fleming, Mesa H.S.
2007 Ronni Stirling, Coronado H.S.
2006 Michele O'Shea, Cactus H.S.
2005 Michele O'Shea, Cactus H.S.
2004 Michele O'Shea, Cactus H.S.
**2003 Thomas Joraanstad, Brophy Preparatory-
National Third Place Winner**
2002 Thomas Joraanstad, Brophy Preparatory
2001 Thomas Joraanstad, Brophy Preparatory
2000 Sarah Joraanstad, Xavier Preparatory
1999 Joshua Deahl, Mountain View H.S.
1998 William Self, Mountain View H.S.
1997 Katherine Forrest, Mountain View H.S.
**1996 Kaleen Love, Mountain View H.S. -
National First Place Winner**
1995 Shira Shafir, Sunnyslope H.S.
1994 Shira Shafir, Sunnyslope H.S.
1993 Soraya Ali-Akbarian, Sunnyslope H.S.
1992 Jimi Jo Story, Mingus H.S.
1991 Michael Wawro, Sunnyslope H.S.
1990 Jamie Lee Wagner, Chaparral H.S.
1989 Mark Light-Orr, Deer Valley H.S.
1988 William Gates, Deer Valley H.S.
1987 William Gates, Deer Valley H.S.
1986 Matthew Ortega
1985 Steven R, Houbek
1984 H. David Preston
1983 James F. Ireland
1982 Matthew Fitzgerald, Casa Grande H.S.
1981 Matthew Fitzgerald, Casa Grande H.S.
1980 Bartholmew Fitzgerald, Casa Grande H.S.
1979 Victoria Fimea
1978 Randi-Jean Hedin
1977 Thomas R. Harrell
1976 Arleen Armstrong
1975 Sari Lisa Horwitz
1974 Joyce Helen Weaver
1973 Paul Brown
1972 Frederick S. Grennan
1971 Thomas H. Adams, Jr.
1970 Thomas H. Adams, Jr.
1969 Rachel S. Turner
1968 Manuel Figueroa
1967 Douglas K. Miller
**1966 Ronald T. McCoy, Phoenix Union H.S. -
National First Place Winner**
**1938 John Jansen, Nogales H.S.-First National
First Place Winner**

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**2011 RULES
AND REGULATIONS
74th ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL
ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



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The National Contest Rules Govern Department Contests
(See National Contest Brochure)
<http://www.legion.org/oratorical>

**THE DEPARTMENT PRIZES ARE AS
FOLLOWS:**

First Prize \$1500.00
plus an additional
\$1500.00 scholarship upon participation
in the First Round of the National Finals in
Indianapolis, Indiana.
Second Prize \$800.00
Third Prize \$500.00
All other contestants will receive \$300.00

The Department (State) Oratorical champion will
automatically advance into the National
American Legion Oratorical Competition.
The **FIRST** and **SECOND ROUNDS** of the
National Contest
will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011.
The **NATIONAL FINALS** will be held on
Sunday, April 17, 2011,
followed by a banquet honoring all the contestants.

ENTRY FORM

Students may submit the proper Entry Form to participate in the Program between September 1, 2009, and January 15, 2011. This form may be obtained from Department Headquarters, your school, or any of the Chairmen listed on this form.

ORGANIZATION

The contest will be under the direct supervision of The American Legion Oratorical Committee, appointed by the Department (State) Commander. Final authority on all issues raised shall remain with the Committee.

DISTRICT AND AREA CONTESTS

Will be held on or before **February 27, 2011**. The student will compete in District and/or Area Contests based on where they attend school. The dates and locations of the District and Area Contests vary. **CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN FOR DATES AND LOCATIONS OF YOUR CONTESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

The State is divided into Districts and Areas as follows:

Area A: (Southern AZ) Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5

Area B: (Phoenix Metro and Yuma) Districts 1, 11, 12

Area C: (Northern AZ) - Districts 6, 7, 8

EACH AREA USUALLY SENDS ONE CONTESTANT TO THE ARIZONA FINALS.

THE ARIZONA FINALS CONTEST

Will be held on Saturday, **March 5, 2011**.

The winner of this Contest will compete in the National Finals in Indianapolis, Indiana, **April 15-17, 2011**.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible participants in The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program must 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 Finals Contest, who is currently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, or private) 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 during the time of participation at any level of The American Legion National High School Oratorical Scholarship Program.

PREPARED ORATION

All contestants shall be required to deliver a PREPARED ORATION, which must be the original effort of each contestant, and must require not less than eight (8) nor more than ten (10) minutes for delivery. It must be delivered in the English language. Singing is NOT allowed. Before the contestant starts their oration, they will give the title of their Prepared Oration to the Chairman of the Contest.

Quotations must be indicated as such. Where quotations are more than ten words in length, the author's name must be given both orally and in the manuscript. The penalty for plagiarism will be disqualification.

The Prepared Oration must be based on some phase or phases of the Constitution of the United States which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. The same Prepared Oration is to be used throughout all levels of the Contests.

ASSIGNED TOPICS FEATURE

All contestants must participate in both the Prepared Oration and the "ASSIGNED TOPIC" feature at all levels of the Contest. The Assigned Topic discourse must consume not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) minutes for delivery. The Prepared Oration quotation rule must be observed.

The purpose of the Assigned Topic feature is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of his/her research, and the ability to discuss with minimal preparation the topic as related to the basic principles of government under the Constitution.

Each contestant speaks on the same topic, which is drawn by the Contest Committee at the Contest. By action of the National Americanism Commission, the Assigned Topics to be used in this year's contest are the following:

ASSIGNED TOPICS

Amendment 8

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment 10

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Amendment 26

Section 1: The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Amendment 27

No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

CONTEST REGULATIONS

DRESS-Business attire is required.

ORDER OF APPEARANCE-Contestants shall draw for the order in which they appear, the drawing to be conducted by the Chairman, who will introduce the speakers as Number 1, 2, etc.

NOTES AND ROSTRUMS-The use of notes, amplification, lectern or speaker's stand by contestants, or prompting in any manner, is not permitted. Props are not permitted. Singing is not permitted.

THE PREPARED ORATION AND ASSIGNED TOPICS MUST BE COMMITTED TO MEMORY.