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### **AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST**

#### **Education...the Foundation of Freedom**

The National High School Oratorical Contest, sponsored since 1938 by The American Legion, is designed to instill a greater knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States in high school students. Other objectives include the development of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Each contestant gives a prepared oration on some phase of the United States Constitution, giving emphasis to the duties and obligations of a citizen to his or her government.

College and money are two words that go hand in hand. Today it takes a lot of money to pay for a college education. The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest is a way for high school students to actually talk their way to college. Each year The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest awards over \$138,000 in college scholarships.

To date, over \$3 million in scholarships have been awarded at the National level by The American Legion to contestants in the National High School Oratorical Contest. The program assists students in paying the high cost of a college education. The first place winner takes home \$18,000 and the next two finishers receive \$16,000 and \$14,000. First round participants in the National Contest receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Second round participants who do not advance to the final round will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. The American Legion will pay the expenses of State winners at the National Contest.

The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest provides a stepping stone opportunity to higher education.

Contact us today to find out how to get involved.

**Robert E. Bunn**

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