

Department of Tennessee, Oratorical Chairman

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

“A Constitutional Speech Contest”

Official Department of Tennessee 2020 Rules

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DEADLINE FOR CERTIFYING CONTESTANTS

January 10, 2020. WE WILL NOT EXTEND THE CERTIFICATION DATE

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

STATE CONTEST

Winner - \$3,000*

First Runner-up - \$2,000

Second Runner-up - \$1,000

All contestants participating in a District contest, and not advancing to the Division contest, will receive a \$25 check. District winners not advancing to the Department (state) finals, and participating in the Division contest, will receive a \$100 check. These checks are mailed after the state contest to the home of the contestant.

The three finalists in the Department contest shall receive scholarships which may be used to attend any post-secondary educational institution in the United States for advanced education beyond high school, to include vocational, college or university.

Scholarship awardees will have one year, after high school graduation, to apply for the scholarship funds. If application is not made in writing to the American Legion Department of Tennessee, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 within one year, the scholarship funds revert to the oratorical account. Any scholarship awardee entering active military service within the one-year grace period will retain their scholarship, providing the awardee notifies The American Legion Department of Tennessee, in writing, of their entry into service. Upon entry into the military service, the awardee needs to advise The American Legion Department of Tennessee of their address annually. If awardee does not apply within five years of the date of entering active military service, the scholarship funds will revert to the oratorical account.

CONTEST ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Any student enrolled in high school, junior high school, or state accredited home school (public, private, parochial or military) in grades 9-12, may enter a contest in the District Oratorical Contest.

The School contestants shall be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States, enrolled in school and under the age of twenty (20) years on the date of the National Finals Contest.

A school official must certify the Oratorical Contestant and send the enclosed certification form to the Oratorical Contest Chairman at the following address: The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37214 by **January 10, 2020**.

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