



# The American Legion

## Department of Arkansas

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## AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

September 9, 2025

Attention: Arkansas Educators

The American Legion has sponsored the High School Oratorical Contest for 86 years. The purpose of the National High School Contest is to develop knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to speak clearly, intelligently, and acceptance of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of American citizenship. The National Secondary School Principals has placed the program on the NASSP Advisory List of Contest and Activities for 2025-2026.

The Department contest will take place on Saturday morning, March 28, 2026. The following cash scholarships will be awarded:

- **\$2,000 for First Place**
- **\$1,500 for Second Place**
- **\$1,000 for Third Place**

The Department winner will represent The Department of Arkansas at the National level, which includes an all-expense paid trip with a chaperone to Indianapolis, Indiana. The student will receive an additional cash scholarship award of \$2,000.00 for attending the Indianapolis Contest. Scholarships are presented to the three finalists in the final round of the national contests as follows: **1<sup>st</sup> place - \$25,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$22,500; 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$20,000.**

For more information you may contact your local American Legion Post or The American Legion Department of Arkansas Headquarters at 1-877-243-9799 (toll free), 1-501-375-1104 and email: [alegion@swbell.net](mailto:alegion@swbell.net), or at our web site <http://www.arlegion.org/programs/oratorical.html>.

Sincerely,

Roger Lacy  
Department Oratorical Chairman

DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL CONTEST

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CONTEST APPLICATION

(To Be Completed By Student)

Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ if no, are you a resident alien? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL REPORT**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I first became interested in the Oratorical Contest when:

I will abide by all the rules of the Department of Arkansas and the National High School Oratorical Contest Committee and follow the instructions of contest sponsors and chairman. I hereby attest that my Prepared Oration and Assigned Topic presentations are my original work.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsored by American Legion Post or District \_\_\_\_\_

Post or District Chairman or Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Students should submit this application by January 9, 2026

TO: Department Oratorical Chairman, Roger Lacy  
PO Box 3280  
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**ORATORICAL CONTEST CERTIFICATION FORM**

**This is to certify that the following contestant:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or Box Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (Zip Code)

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Home Schooled**      **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

Met certification requirements on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, under the sponsorship of  
Post No. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Arkansas.

**Title of Prepared Oration** \_\_\_\_\_

Contest according to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (American Legion Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Send Certification to Department Headquarters by March 9, 2026.

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