



# AMERICAN LEGION

## Department of Arizona

*"For God and Country"*

**DATE:** September 15, 2017

**TO:** Counselors, Scholarship Chairmen, and Speech & Debate Instructors

**FROM:** Roger Munchbach, Chairman  
2017/2018 High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest

We are asking for your assistance with recruiting students for participation in the Oratorical Contest.

The National Rules and Regulations for the competition can be viewed online at <https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/publications/07ACY0617-Oratorical-Rules-Brochure.pdf>

The scope and purpose of the contest, eligibility requirements, and the nature of the oration are explained in this document.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the Arizona State Brochure and official Certification Form. The Certification Form will be accepted from NOW until January 1, 2018. The earlier the student can let us know of their intent to participate, the better the experience.

The American Legion, Department of Arizona (State), has several levels of competition in which all contestants are expected to participate. Various scholarship awards are available at each level. In addition, the American Legion has partnered with the National Speech and Debate Association, and students/schools receive extra points from NSDA for participating in the American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Program.

Dates for local competition will be announced as soon as confirmed. Contests will begin in February 2018 and continue through to the State Finals scheduled for March 3, 2018. Our committee will make every effort to set dates and times that will not conflict with the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. schedule, however, this is not always possible.

Additional information may be obtained by calling The American Legion Headquarters in Phoenix at (602) 264-7706. Calls may also be directed to Roger Munchbach (480) 705-9527 Chairman, James Barrett (520) 822-1927 South; and Bob Reyes (928) 221-3245 North.

**PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATOR IN YOUR SCHOOL. THANK YOU.**

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**CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Prepared Oration: \_\_\_\_\_

*(It's OK if you don't know the title yet. Send in your application anyway.)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Print*

**SCHOOL REPORT**

Student's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Faculty/Sponsor Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

I first became interested in the Oratorical Contest when: \_\_\_\_\_

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I will abide by all rules of the Department of Arizona and The National High School Oratorical Contest Committee and follow the instructions of each Contest Chairman.

Contestant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM MUST BE SENT OR EMAILED TO THE ABOVE  
ADDRESS BEFORE JANUARY 1**