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HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2010 – 2011 American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program is open to any High School Student (public, parochial, military, private or state accredited home school) who is a citizen or lawful resident of the United States. Further, all contestants must be bona fide students under the age of 20 years on the date of the National Contest and must be enrolled in a high school or junior high school in which the curriculum is considered to be of high school level, commencing with grade 9 and terminating with grade 12.

The top prize in the National Contest is an \$18,000.00 scholarship, 2nd place – \$16,000.00, 3rd place - \$14,000.00. Each Department winner who is certified into and participates in the first round of the National Contest will receive a \$1,500.00 scholarship. In addition participants in the State contest will also receive a scholarship.

This year's state contest will be held **January 15-16, 2011** at West Mesa High School's Kiva Auditorium, located at 6701 Fortuna Rd NW Albuquerque, NM 87121.

Included with this mailing are the Official Rules for the contest and an Oratorical Registration form. Completed Registration forms must be received by this office no later than **January 11, 2011**. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at the Department Headquarters at the number listed above. For more information visit our web page at www.nmlegion.org.

Sincerely,

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