

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

ORATORICAL CONTEST CHAMPIONS

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SCHOOL/CITY</u> | <u>NATIONAL</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2017 | Michael McClellan | Creighton Prep, Omaha | |
| 2016 | Michael McClellan | Creighton Prep, Omaha | |
| 2015 | Allegra Hardin | David City High School | |
| 2014 | Allegra Hardin | David City High School | |
| 2013 | John Michael Hogue | Creighton Prep, Omaha | |
| 2012 | Alex Whitney | Minden High School | Won Regional |
| 2011 | Nicholas Schriener | Parkview Christian, Lincoln | |
| 2010 | Caitlin Molczyk | Columbus High School | |
| 2009 | Joe Whitt | Wayne High School | |
| 2008 | Sean Badeer | Hickman (Homeschool) | |
| 2007 | Justin Green | Sutton | Won 1st Round |
| 2006 | Ian Daniel Badeer | Hickman (Homeschool) | |
| 2005 | Ian Daniel Badeer | Hickman (Homeschool) | |
| 2004 | Katherine Peterson | Rushville High, Rushville | |
| 2003 | Valerie Goering | Platte Center (Columbus Lakeview) | |
| 2002 | Jennifer Berry | McCook | |
| 2001 | Valerie Goering | Platte Center (Columbus Lakeview) | |
| 2000 | Jada Ann Bilau | Pierce | |
| 1999 | Abby K. Brunt | Columbus | Won 1st Round |
| 1998 | Jaclyn Wilson | Rushville High, Rushville | |
| 1997 | Alicia K. Hancock | Lincoln East, Lincoln | Won 1st Round |
| 1996 | Candace J. Cain | Burwell High, Burwell | |
| 1995 | Krystal K. Murphy | Scottsbluff High, Scottsbluff | |
| 1994 | Casey D. Foster | Friend High, Friend | |
| 1993 | Courtney K. Jochen | Pierce High, Pierce | |
| 1992 | John L. Kuehn | Minden High (Heartwell) | Won Regional |
| 1991 | Heather Esau | Tri-County High, DeWitt (Beatrice) | |
| 1990 | Amy C. Adkins | Laurel High, Laurel | |
| 1989 | Pamela K. Epp | Fairbury High, Fairbury | 2nd at National |
| 1988 | Pamela K. Epp | Fairbury High, Fairbury | Won Regional |
| 1987 | Pamela K. Epp | Fairbury High, Fairbury | |
| 1986 | Christopher D. Vogt | Lincoln East, Lincoln | |
| 1985 | Kent E. Lewis | Sidney High, Sidney | |
| 1984 | Amy Garwood | Lincoln East, Lincoln | 3rd at National |
| 1983 | Brad Walker | Lincoln High | |
| 1982 | Jim Leonard | Lincoln East, Lincoln | 2nd at National |
| 1981 | Eric Brown | Nemaha Valley, Cook | |
| 1980 | Jim Leonard | Lincoln East, Lincoln | |

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| 1979 | Joni M. Kraemer | Allen Consolidated School | |
| 1978 | Denise Davis | Nebraska City Lourdes, Nebraska City | |
| 1977 | Mary Louise Knapp | Kimball County High, Kimball | |
| 1976 | Robert R. Moodie | West Point High, West Point | Won Regional |
| 1975 | Jessica A. Sall | Omaha | |
| 1974 | Steve Kopetzky | Falls City Sacred Heart, Falls City | |
| 1973 | Steve Kopetzky | Falls City Sacred Heart, Falls City | |
| 1972 | Chan Taylor | Lincoln High, Lincoln | |
| 1971 | Jim Knackstedt | St. Pats, Sidney | |
| 1970 | Leo Viktora | St. John's, Elkhorn | Won Regional |
| 1969 | Arie Bucheister | Omaha Central | |
| 1968 | Mark Theisen | St. John's, Elkhorn | |
| 1967 | Joe Bataillon | Nebraska City Lourdes, Nebraska City | |
| 1966 | Sandra Kobes | Wilber | |
| 1965 | Gary Boye | Sidney | |
| 1964 | Douglas Nally | St. John's, Elkhorn | |
| 1963 | Mike Flechy | Creighton Prep, Omaha | |
| 1962 | Talmage Newton | Omaha | |
| 1961 | Pat McDermott | Omaha | |
| 1960 | John Smith | Omaha South, Omaha | |
| 1959 | Thomas Cooper | Lincoln Southeast, Lincoln | |
| 1958 | Douglas Harman | Lincoln Northeast, Lincoln | |
| 1957 | William Bauer | McCook | Won Regional |
| 1956 | W. Donald Boe | Omaha Cathedral | |
| 1955 | Stan Fellman | Omaha Central, Omaha | |
| 1954 | Robert Bovey | Lincoln Northeast, Lincoln | |
| 1953 | Craig Swoboda | Norfolk | |
| 1952 | Craig Swoboda | Norfolk | |
| 1951 | Francis O. McDermott | Creighton Prep, Omaha | 3rd at National |
| 1950 | Robert Hasebroock | West Point | |
| 1949 | Eldon Schafer | McCook | |
| 1948 | Delwyn Nagengast | Howell | |
| 1947 | Gilbert Eggen | Norfolk | |
| 1946 | Violet Gustafson | Omaha Benson, Omaha | |
| 1945 | Ted Sorensen | Lincoln | |
| 1944 | Brent Bozell | Creighton Prep, Omaha | National Champion |
| 1943 | Brent Bozell | Creighton Prep, Omaha | |
| 1942 | Marjorie Johnson | Emerson | |
| 1941 | William E. Speis | Creighton Prep, Omaha | |

