

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 14

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Subject Increase of Scholarship Awards for National Contest

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**Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee**

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**WHEREAS**, The American Legion has been conducting a program known as “The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – A Constitutional Speech Contest” which has provided over \$3,000,000 in scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, contestants participate from all the Departments of The American Legion in the final series of contests held in Indianapolis, Indian; and

**WHEREAS**, these contests are divided into three rounds, a Quarter final round consisting of nine contests with six contestants in each contest. A second round, known as the Semi-Finals, which is made up of the winners from the Quarter Final round, a total of three contests of of three contestants each, and the National Final contest made up of the winners from the Semi-Final Rounds, a total of three contestants; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last twenty years that the National Finals has been held in Indianapolis, Indiana the scholarship awards are as follows; first round all contestants receive \$1,500.00 scholarship as long as they perform both the Prepared and Assigned discourses. Contestants that advance to the Semi-Final but do not advance to the National Finals will receive an additional \$1,500.00 scholarship. The National Finalists have a potential of being awarded s scholarship in the amounts of \$18,000.00, \$16,000.00, or \$14,000.00; and

**WHEREAS** these amounts have not been changed in the twenty years of the existence of the contest while being held in Indianapolis, Indiana; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by The American Legion Department of New York in Convention assembled July 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in Rochester, New York that it urge the National Organization to increase the aforementioned scholarship awards to \$2,500.00 for the First Round contestants; \$3,000.00 to the Semi-Final contestants that do not advance to the National Finals; and the National Finals scholarship awards to \$20,000.00; \$18,000.00; and \$16,000.00; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that if adopted, this resolution be forwarded to the National Organization in Convention assembled August 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for their consideration and action.

**FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Approved with Amendments \_\_\_X\_\_\_

Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Standing Committee on

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Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

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Adjutant Signature

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