

**ORATORICAL CONTEST NATIONAL FINALS
&
FIRST PLACE WINNERS**

Year	Location	National Champion
1938	Norman, OK	John Janson (AZ)
1939	Springfield, IL	H. Fletcher Padgett, Jr., (SC)
1940	Boston, MA	Thomas E. Haggerty (NY)
1941	Charleston, SC	Frank Church, Jr. (ID)
1942	Milwaukee, WI	Albert P. Smith, Jr. (TN)
1943	New Orleans, LA	Burton Bernard (IL)
1944	Boonville, MO	Brent Bozell (NE)
1945	Buffalo, NY	Robert A. Kelly, Jr. (NJ)
1946	Grinnell, IA	William O. Wollin (CA)
1947	Charleston, WV	Roy F. Greenaway (CA)
1948	Savannah, GA	James H. Grant (FL)
1949	Philadelphia, PA	Paul T. Heyne (MO)
1950	Phoenix, AZ	James A. Robinson (OK)
1951	Richmond, VA	Jeanne-Mann Dickinson (VA)
1952	Baton Rouge, LA	Cliff Thompson (KS)
1953	Jersey City, NJ	Joel M. Bernstein (NY)
1954	Los Angeles, CA	Jack McNees (KS)
1955	Blackwell, OK	Michael Miller (CA)
1956	St. Louis, MO	Daniel Duckworth (TN)
1957	Waterville, ME	Dan McCall (CA)
1958	Portales, NM	Reed M. Stewart (IN)
1959	Lodi, CA	Roger R. Majak (IL)
1960	Penn Yan, NY	Lanny Unruh (KS)
1961	East Hartford, CT	Robert J. O'Connell (NY)
1962	Salt Lake City, UT	Patricia Ann Turner (OK)
1963	Eau Claire, WI	Stephen A. Oxman (NJ)
1964	Tampa, FL	David B. Marth (WI)
1965	Portland, OR	James F. Kay (CA)
1966	Henniker, NJ	Ronald T. McCoy (AZ)
1967	Lincoln, NE	Alan L. Keyes (TX)
1968	St. Paul, MN	John J. Cangilos (NY)
1969	Boise, ID	Benjamin G. Davidian (CA)
1970	Houston, TX	Michael P. Gallagher (MA)
1971	Maryville, MO	William H. White (TX)
1972	Weirton, WV	Thomas W. Joiner (SC)
1973	Charlotte, NC	John W. Frost (IL)
1974	Sioux Falls, SD	Steven L. Zeller (IN)
1975	Albany, GA	Michael Begley (MD)
1976	Springfield, IL	Robert H. Maus (HI)
1977	Washington Crossing, PA	Mark R. Thompson (IL)
1978	Klamath Falls, OR	Debra A. Morris (OK)

1979	El Reno, OK	Fernando Baell (PA)
1980	Williamsburg, VA	Laura Vance (OK)
1981	Indianapolis, IN	Marlene Van Dyk (MI)
		Dean F. Clancy (CO)
1982	Bismarck, ND	William Kephart, Jr. (IL)
1983	Annapolis, MD	Keith R. Finch (VA)
1984	Lansing, MI	Arthur Jordan (PA)
1985	Des Moines, IA	Gwen Connolly (WI)
1986	Tuscaloosa, AL	Jennifer J. Demmon (IA)
1987	Lee's Summit, MO	Maryagnes Barbieri (MA)
1988	Denton, TX	Dilip Paliath (MD)
1989	Lincoln, NE	Martin T. Kelly, Jr. (MD)
1990	Tampa, FL	Joshua Boyd (KY)
1991	Boise, ID	Jack L. White (CA)
1992	Baton Rouge, LA	Kerri Ruttenberg (MD)
1993	Cary, NC	Cedric L. Ollison (GA)
1994	Colorado Springs, CO	Lisa S. Tsai (TX)
1995	Harrisburg, PA	Aron Egner (NY)
1996	Topeka, KS	Kaleen Love (AZ)
1997	Indianapolis, IN	Alexander G. Henlin (NH)
1998	Indianapolis, IN	Erin L. Plettenberg (MD)
1999	Indianapolis, IN	Kevin Sladek (TX)
2000	Indianapolis, IN	Max Miller (IA)
2001	Indianapolis, IN	Caleb Williams (TX)
2002	Indianapolis, IN	Candice Neal (AL)
2003	Indianapolis, IN	Henry (H.J.) Shea, IV (MN)
2004	Indianapolis, IN	Philip Bishop (GA)
2005	Indianapolis, IN	Daniel Berring (CA)
2006	Indianapolis, IN	Nicholas Elledge (TN)
2007	Indianapolis, IN	Co'Relous Bryant (FL)
2008	Indianapolis, IN	Spencer Harjung (MD)
2009	Indianapolis, IN	Andrew Dykstal (IN)