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Three High School Orators to Face Off Sunday for Top National Honor

INDIANAPOLIS (April 20, 2013) – Out of an original 53 contestants, only three remain as finalists in The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, "A Constitutional Speech Contest." The three survived two intense rounds of competition today and will vie for the championship during **tomorrow's finals which will be webcast live at 10 am Eastern Time on www.legion.org**.

The top prize, an $18,000 scholarship, will be awarded to either Elizabeth Scannell of Goose Creek, S.C., Agnes Rieger of Kansas City, Mo., or Rachel Schartz of Humboldt, S.D. The second and third place winners after tomorrow's competition will receive $16,000 and $14,000 scholarships respectively.

The contest, now in its 76th year, encourages young Americans to improve their communications skills and study the U.S. Constitution. More than 6,000 high school students begin competition annually at The American Legion post-community level. The national contestants all competed in Indianapolis, the headquarters city for The American Legion. Previous champions include Alan Keyes, Frank Church and Brent Bozell.

For a complete list of contestants, by state, visit www.legion.org.

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NOTE: Phone interviews with the contestants can be arranged by contacting the individuals above.