

IHSSA Large Group Critics Choice History

1981:

ONE ACT PLAY: North Fayette, West Union

READERS THEATRE: Fort Dodge

CHORAL READING: LeMars Community

DUET ACTING: Maurice-Orange City

GROUP MIME: Sibley

SOLO MIME: Irwin

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Fort Dodge

1982:

ONE ACT PLAY: LeMars Community

READERS THEATRE: Greene

CHORAL READING: United Comm., Boone

DUET ACTING: Hempstead, Dubuque

GROUP MIME: Dysart-Geneseo

SOLO MIME: Ames

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Sibley

1983:

ONE ACT PLAY: LeMars Community

READERS THEATRE: Greene

CHORAL READING: Danville

DUET ACTING: Hempstead, Dubuque

GROUP MIME: Spencer

SOLO MIME: Hempstead, Dubuque

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Danville

1984:

ONE ACT PLAY: Benton Comm. Van Horne

READERS THEATRE: Creston

CHORAL READING: T.J., Council Bluffs

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior

GROUP MIME: Dubuque Senior

SOLO MIME: Dubuque Senior
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Dubuque Senior

1985:

ONE ACT PLAY: West, Iowa City
READERS THEATRE: Keokuk
CHORAL READING: Decorah
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Fort Dodge
GROUP MIME: Dubuque Senior
SOLO MIME: LeMars Community
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: LeMars Community

1986:

ONE ACT PLAY: LeMars Community
READERS THEATRE: Dubuque Senior
CHORAL READING: United Comm., Boone
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Ames
GROUP MIME: LeMars Community
SOLO MIME: Decorah
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: LeMars Community

1987:

ONE ACT PLAY: North Scott, Eldridge
READERS THEATRE: Glenwood
CHORAL READING: North Fayette, West Union
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior
GROUP MIME: Dubuque Senior
SOLO MIME: Dubuque Senior
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Regis, C.R.
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: LeMars Community

1988:

ONE ACT PLAY: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield
READERS THEATRE: Decorah
CHORAL READING: Danville

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Ankeny
GROUP MIME: T.J., Council Bluffs
SOLO MIME: Hoover, Des Moines
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Dubuque Senior
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: LeMars Community

1989:

ONE ACT PLAY: Cascade
READERS THEATRE: Glenwood
CHORAL READING: Bishop Heelan, Sioux City
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Hoover, Des Moines
GROUP MIME: T. J, Council Bluffs
SOLO MIME: Hoover, Des Moines
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Dubuque Senior
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: T.J., Council Bluffs

1990:

ONE ACT PLAY: Columbus, Waterloo
READERS THEATRE: T.J., Council Bluffs
CHORAL READING: Bishop Heelan ,Sioux City
ENSEMBLE ACTING: WDM Valley
GROUP MIME: Prairie City/ Monroe
SOLO MIME: BCL-UW, Conrad
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Bishop Heelan, SC
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: LeMars Community

1991:

ONE ACT PLAY: T.J. , Council Bluffs
READERS THEATRE: Greene Community
CHORAL READING: North Fayette,West Union
ENSEMBLE ACTING: MOC/Floyd Valley
GROUP MIME: WDM Valley
SOLO MIME: T.J., Council Bluffs
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Bishop Heelan, SC
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Monticello

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: T.J., Council Bluffs

1992:

ONE ACT PLAY: WDM Valley

READERS THEATRE: Dubuque Senior

CHORAL READING: Danville

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Eastwood, Correctionville

GROUP MIME: Spencer

SOLO MIME: Danville

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Jefferson, C.R.

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Grinnell

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: LeMars Community

1993:

ONE ACT PLAY: Cascade

READERS THEATRE: Glenwood Sr.

CHORAL READING: T.J., Council Bluffs

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Spencer

GROUP MIME: WDM Valley

SOLO MIME: Hoover, Des Moines

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Adel-DeSoto

GROUP IMPROVISATION: WDM Valley

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKE LeMars Community

1994:

ONE ACT PLAY: Clarinda

READERS THEATRE: Creston

CHORAL READING: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Fort Dodge

GROUP MIME: Danville

SOLO MIME: North Linn, Coggon

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Creston
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Dubuque Senior
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Fort Dodge

1995:

ONE ACT PLAY: Jefferson, Cedar Rapids
READERS THEATRE: Coon Rapids-Bayard
CHORAL READING: Bishop Heelan, Sioux City
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Marshalltown
GROUP MIME: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield
SOLO MIME: Fort Dodge
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Starmont
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Okoboji
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Danville

1996:

ONE ACT PLAY: Fort Dodge
READERS THEATRE: Cascade, Sr.
CHORAL READING: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Roosevelt, Des Moines
GROUP MIME: Danville
SOLO MIME: River Valley , Correctionville
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Maquoketa Valley
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Hampton-Dumont
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Fort Dodge

1997:

ONE ACT PLAY: Sioux City East
READERS THEATRE: River Valley, Correctionville
CHORAL READING: Clinton
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Regis-LaSalle, C.R.
GROUP MIME: A.L., Council Bluffs
SOLO MIME: Decorah
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Creston
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Monticello

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Spencer

1998:

ONE ACT PLAY: South Winneshiek

READERS THEATRE: Bishop Heelan, Sioux City

CHORAL READING: Laurens-Marathon

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Grinnell

GROUP MIME: Armstrong-Ringsted

SOLO MIME: Centerville

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Sioux City East

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Regis-LaSalle, C.R.

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Maharishi Upper

1999:

ONE ACT PLAY: Clarinda

READERS THEATRE: Spencer

CHORAL READING: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Waterloo West

GROUP MIME: Hoover, Des Moines

SOLO MIME: Carroll

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Keokuk

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Shenandoah

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Spencer

2000:

ONE ACT PLAY: Hudson

READERS THEATRE: Decorah

CHORAL READING: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Ankeny

GROUP MIME: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

SOLO MIME: A.L., Council Bluffs

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Garnavillo

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Farragut

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Hoover, Des Moines

2001:

ONE ACT PLAY: WDM Valley

READERS THEATRE: Clinton

CHORAL READING: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Jefferson-Scranton

GROUP MIME: Farragut

SOLO MIME: LeMars Community

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Carroll

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Sioux Center

MUSICAL THEATRE: Waterloo West

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Dubuque Senior

2002:

ONE ACT PLAY: Clarinda

READERS THEATRE: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

CHORAL READING: WDM Valley

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Northern Univ. Price Lab

GROUP MIME: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

SOLO MIME: Cascade

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Grinnell

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Farragut

MUSICAL THEATRE: Waterloo West

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Decorah

2003:

ONE ACT PLAY: Charles City

READERS THEATRE: Decorah

CHORAL READING: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Fort Dodge

GROUP MIME: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

SOLO MIME: Cascade

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Newell-Fonda

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Nashua-Plainfield

MUSICAL THEATRE: Waterloo West

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Maharishi Upper

2004:

ONE ACT PLAY: Iowa City West

READERS THEATRE: Woodbine

CHORAL READING: Sioux City East

ENSEMBLE ACTING: South Winneshiek

GROUP MIME: Maharishi Upper, Fairfield

SOLO MIME: Vinton-Shellsburg

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: WDM Valley

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Glenwood

MUSICAL THEATRE: Union, LaPorte City

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2005:

ONE ACT PLAY: Forest City

READERS THEATRE: Grinnell

CHORAL READING: Laurens-Marathon

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Union, LaPorte City

GROUP MIME: WDM Valley

SOLO MIME: Dubuque Senior

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Grinnell

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Lincoln, Des Moines

MUSICAL THEATRE: Union, La Porte City

RADIO BROADCASTING Maharishi Upper

COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Decorah

2006:

ONE ACT PLAY: Fairfield

READERS THEATRE: Hoover, Des Moines

CHORAL READING: MOC-Floyd Valley

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior

GROUP MIME: WDM Valley

SOLO MIME: WDM Valley

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Grinnell

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Fairfield
MUSICAL THEATRE: Waterloo West
RADIO BROADCASTING George-Little Rock
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2007:

ONE ACT PLAY: Hoover, Des Moines
READERS THEATRE: Hoover, Des Moines
CHORAL READING: WDM Valley
ENSEMBLE ACTING: CR Washington
GROUP MIME: WDM Valley
SOLO MIME: Hoover, Des Moines
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Grinnell
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Mount Vernon
MUSICAL THEATRE: Union, La Porte City
RADIO BROADCASTING West Delaware
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2008:

ONE ACT PLAY: Woodward-Granger
READERS THEATRE: Dubuque Hempstead
CHORAL READING: Fairfield
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior
GROUP MIME: WDM Valley
SOLO MIME: Maharishi Upper
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Grinnell
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Dubuque Hempstead
MUSICAL THEATRE: Sioux City East
RADIO BROADCASTING: Bedford
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2009:

ONE ACT PLAY: Clarinda
READERS THEATRE: Spalding Catholic
CHORAL READING: Alta

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior
GROUP MIME: Maharishi Upper
SOLO MIME: Sioux City East
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Grinnell
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Lake Mills
MUSICAL THEATRE: Sheldon
RADIO BROADCASTING: West Delaware
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2010:

ONE ACT PLAY: Pella Christian
READERS THEATRE: Dubuque Senior
CHORAL READING: Danville
ENSEMBLE ACTING: North Scott
GROUP MIME: WDM Valley
SOLO MIME: Maharishi Upper
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: WDM Valley
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Bondurant-Farrar
MUSICAL THEATRE: DSM Roosevelt
RADIO BROADCASTING: Kuemper Catholic
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2011:

ONE ACT PLAY: Dubuque Senior
READERS THEATRE: ADM, Adel
CHORAL READING: WDM Valley
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior
GROUP MIME: Rockwell City/Lytton
SOLO MIME: CR Washington
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Decorah
GROUP IMPROVISATION: CR Kennedy
MUSICAL THEATRE: Waterloo West
RADIO BROADCASTING: Forest City
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2012:

ONE ACT PLAY: IC Regina
READERS THEATRE: Lewis Central
CHORAL READING: Earlham
ENSEMBLE ACTING: MOC-Floyd Valley
GROUP MIME: West Delaware
SOLO MIME: Fairfield
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Forest City
GROUP IMPROVISATION: CR Kennedy
MUSICAL THEATRE: Boone
RADIO BROADCASTING: Kee, Lansing
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2013:

ONE ACT PLAY: Dubuque Senior
READERS THEATRE: CR Kennedy
CHORAL READING: Waterloo West
ENSEMBLE ACTING: CR Kennedy
GROUP MIME: WDM Valley
SOLO MIME: Sibley-Ocheyedan
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Carroll
GROUP IMPROVISATION: CR Washington
MUSICAL THEATRE: Ballard
RADIO BROADCASTING: East Marshall
SHORT FILM: Ankeny
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Dubuque Senior

2014:

ONE ACT PLAY: Algona
READERS THEATRE: CR Kennedy
CHORAL READING: Sioux City East
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior 9th
GROUP MIME: Dubuque Senior
SOLO MIME: Sioux City East
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Carroll

GROUP IMPROVISATION: WDM Valley
MUSICAL THEATRE: WDM Valley
RADIO BROADCASTING: WDM Valley
SHORT FILM: South Tama
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2015:

ONE ACT PLAY: WDM Valley
READERS THEATRE: WDM Valley
CHORAL READING: Sheldon
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Decorah
GROUP MIME: Dubuque Senior
SOLO MIME: WDM Valley
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: WDM Valley
GROUP IMPROVISATION: WDM Valley
MUSICAL THEATRE: Dubuque Senior
RADIO BROADCASTING: Dubuque Senior
SHORT FILM: Decorah 9th
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2016:

ONE ACT PLAY: Dubuque Senior
READERS THEATRE: South Winneshiek
CHORAL READING: Montezuma
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior
GROUP MIME: WDM Valley
SOLO MIME: Dubuque Senior
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: George-Little Rock
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Cedar Rapids Kennedy
MUSICAL THEATRE: Maharishi Upper
RADIO BROADCASTING: Sioux City East
SHORT FILM: Des Moines East
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Dubuque Senior

2017:

ONE ACT PLAY: WDM Valley
READERS THEATRE: Akron-Westfield
CHORAL READING: WDM Valley
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Grinnell
GROUP MIME: Dubuque Senior
SOLO MIME: WDM Valley
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Decorah
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Waterloo West
MUSICAL THEATRE: WDM Valley
RADIO BROADCASTING: Dubuque Senior
SHORT FILM: Decorah
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2018:

ONE ACT PLAY: Siouxland Christian
READERS THEATRE: Bondurant-Farrar
CHORAL READING: Sioux City East
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dallas-Center Grimes 9th
GROUP MIME: Wauke
SOLO MIME: WDM Valley
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Decorah
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Waterloo West
MUSICAL THEATRE: Spencer
RADIO BROADCASTING: Dubuque Senior
SHORT FILM: Des Moines Hoover
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Dubuque Senior

2019:

ONE ACT PLAY: Siouxland Christian
READERS THEATRE: Cedar Rapids Kennedy
CHORAL READING: Creston
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior
GROUP MIME: Dubuque Senior
SOLO MIME: Sumner-Fredericksburg
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Postville

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Woodbury Central
MUSICAL THEATRE: Des Moines Roosevelt
RADIO BROADCASTING: Lewis Central
SHORT FILM: Siouxland Christian
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Dubuque Senior

2020:

ONE ACT PLAY: Clarinda
READERS THEATRE: Pella Christain
CHORAL READING: Siouxland Christian
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Siouxland Christian
GROUP MIME: Fairfield
SOLO MIME: WDM Valley
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Cherokee
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Carroll
MUSICAL THEATRE: WDM Valley
RADIO BROADCASTING: Lewis Central
SHORT FILM: Des Moines Roosevelt
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2021: No Festival due to Covid

2022:

ONE ACT PLAY: Siouxland Christian
READERS THEATRE: Manson Northwest Webster
CHORAL READING: Dubuque Senior
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Mount Vernon
GROUP MIME: Grinnell
SOLO MIME: Cedar Rapids Washington
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Decorah
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Spirit Lake
MUSICAL THEATRE: ACGC
RADIO BROADCASTING: Decorah
SHORT FILM: IKM-Manning
COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: WDM Valley

2023:

ONE ACT PLAY: Cedar Rapids Washington

READERS THEATRE: Maquoketa Valley

CHORAL READING: Siouxland Christian

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Dubuque Senior

GROUP MIME: Grinnell

SOLO MIME: Dubuque Senior

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: IKM-Manning

GROUP IMPROVISATION: Decorah

MUSICAL THEATRE: Clear Creek Amana

RADIO BROADCASTING: Dubuque Senior

SHORT FILM: IKM-Manning

E. WAYNE COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Dubuque Senior

2024:

ONE ACT PLAY: Dubuque Senior

READERS THEATRE: MOC-Floyd Valley

CHORAL READING: Siouxland Christian

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Siouxland Christian

GROUP MIME: Grinnell-Newburg

SOLO MIME: Cedar Rapids Washington

TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: IKM-Manning

GROUP IMPROVISATION: LeMars Community

MUSICAL THEATRE: Decorah

RADIO BROADCASTING: Decorah

SHORT FILM: Greene County

E. WAYNE COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Dubuque Senior

2025:

ONE ACT PLAY: Pella Christian

READERS THEATRE: Independence

CHORAL READING: Cedar Rapids Washington

ENSEMBLE ACTING: Siouxland Christian

GROUP MIME: Denison-Schleswig

SOLO MIME: MOC-Floyd Valley
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: IKM-Manning
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Garner-Hayfield-Ventura
MUSICAL THEATRE: MOC-Floyd Valley
RADIO BROADCASTING: Manson Northwest Webster
SHORT FILM: Woodbine Community
E. WAYNE COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Decorah

2026:

ONE ACT PLAY: MOC-Floyd Valley
READERS THEATRE: Cedar Rapids Washington
CHORAL READING: Creston
ENSEMBLE ACTING: Mount Vernon
GROUP MIME: MFL MarMac
SOLO MIME: Cedar Rapids Prairie
TELEVISION NEWSCASTING: Dubuque Senior
GROUP IMPROVISATION: Independence
MUSICAL THEATRE: Decorah
RADIO BROADCASTING: Shenandoah
SHORT FILM: Pleasantville
E. WAYNE COOLEY SWEEPSTAKES: Dubuque Senior