

City of San Leandro
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Oratorical Festival 2013
Event Rules and Scoring

Event Details

Monday, January 21, 2013, 2:00 p.m. ****PLEASE NOTE EVENT TIME CHANGE DUE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION**

Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro

Oratory Theme

Students will perform an original or well-known essay, speech or poem in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's message of peace, tolerance and social justice.

What is Oratory?

Oratory is a type of public speaking. The purpose of oratory can range from simply transmitting information, to motivating people to act or telling a story. Good orators should be able to change the emotions of their listeners, not just inform them.

Prizes

First Place in Each Age Category - \$100 Amazon Gift Card
Second Place in Each Age Category - \$50 Amazon Gift Card
All contestants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
Prizes made possible by the San Leandro Optimist Club.

Registration

Entry Forms available: November 1, 2012

Entry Form deadline: January 14, 2013

Submit Entry Form to:

City of San Leandro
Recreation and Human Services Department
835 East 14th Street, San Leandro

or

Email briggsbee@sanleandro.org

Registration form must be received by the deadline.

Download Registration: [Click here](#)

Oratory Screening

- Depending on the number of applicants, oratory contestants may be required to perform for an advanced screening. Contestants will be notified.
- The top five contestants in each age category will be invited to compete at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on January 21, 2013.

Eligibility

- San Leandro resident, Ages: 6 – 17
- Contestants will compete in the following age categories: 6 – 9 yrs, 10 – 13 yrs, 14 – 17 yrs

Rules

- Entry Form must be submitted by the deadline.
- Student must perform a form of oration in the category of essay, speech or poem.
- The essay, speech or poem may be original (written by the contestant) or taken from another source with the author cited.
- Quotations or copyrighted materials used in the oration must be identified with the original author's name.
- **Song or musical performance is not eligible.**
- Presentations must be recited from memory (notes are not allowed).
- Maximum time – 3 minutes
- No coaching, costumes, props, or special effects are allowed.
- Adult supervision of student is mandatory.
- All decisions of the judges are final.
- Participants must arrive no later than 1:30 pm on the day of the event (January 21).***
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Scoring Criteria

Scoring will range from 1 to 10 points in each category. The maximum number of points that each individual performance can receive is 40.

1. INTERPRETATION/CREATIVITY
 - Does the student bring out the meaning (intent) of the literature?
 - How natural is the performance?
 - Does the student bring a special flair to his/her material?
2. EXPRESSION
 - Has the student accurately portrayed the attitudes of the characters?
 - Does the student use facial, hand, and/or body gestures?
 - Does the student use the appropriate volume? Too loud? Too soft?
3. ARTICULATION/PRONUNCIATION
 - How distinct is the student's diction?
 - Is the student's pronunciation clear?
 - How does the student use dialect (if applicable)?
4. STAGE PRESENCE
 - Does the student use gestures appropriately?
 - Does the student effectively portray a picture or scene (if applicable)?
 - How does the student set the stage (orally) to create the appropriate atmosphere for his/her oration?
 - Does the student bring life to the material?
 - Does the student create a clear, visible character (if applicable)?

Point Deductions - There is a one (1) point deduction for each of the following:

- Speaking over the allotted time.
- Coaching on the sideline by anyone.
- Costumes, props, special effects.