

Oratorical Contest 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. All performances must have appropriate, respectful language that embodies the spirit of Dr. King's message
- 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 and if used, student will be disqualified).
- Maximum time – 3 minutes – enforced.
- 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 10:30am on the day of the event (January 21) to check-in and receive instructions.