

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST

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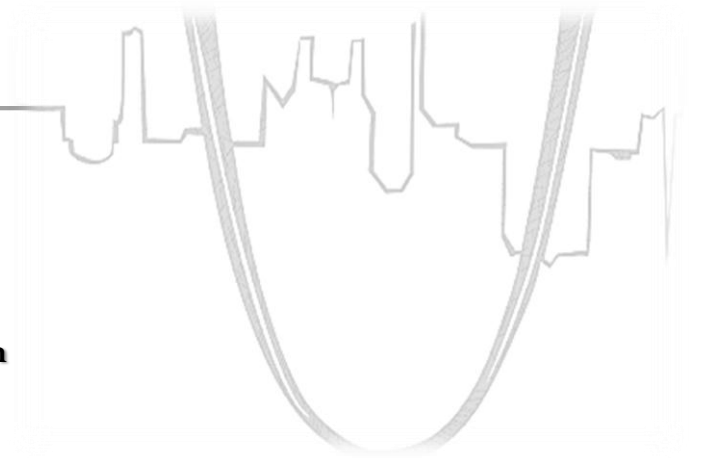
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Building a Solid Life *with the Savior*

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1 Corinthians 3:9



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GUIDELINES~ 2012

The official theme:

“Building a Solid Life with the Savior”

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We recommend that all contestants have a clear understanding of the rules and guidelines for the Oratorical Contest, which would also include the guidelines used by the judges for scoring.

Purpose

To provide training and communication skills with public speaking experience, within the context of the scriptural theme. Afford each contestant, an opportunity to earn a college scholarship. This is accomplished through intellectual thinking, positive expression of an original written and oral presentation of the chosen theme.

Competition

The Oratorical Contest will be held during the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Annual Session, on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Contestants are students currently enrolled in his or her senior year of high school and will be graduating prior to September 2012, with the expressed intent of continuing their education in a college or university setting.

The contestants will participate in a multiple-step process:

1. Compete in their church’s Oratorical Contest
2. Compete in their local District Association Oratorical Contest
3. Compete in their State Convention’s Congress of Christian Education Oratorical Contest
4. Compete at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Oratorical Contest

The contestants chosen after their State competition will have their orations submitted by the State Congress President, State Youth Director, or State Director of Oratorical, which must be received by Wednesday, May 9, 2012 close of business day and in turn those accepted to compete at the National Baptist Congress in St. Louis will receive notification of acceptance by Monday, May 21, 2012.

The contestant chosen at the State level to compete in the National Baptist Congress Oratorical Contest will be sponsored by his or her local church, the District or the State Convention. The sponsoring entity will also be responsible for working directly with the contestant in preparation for the National competition.

There will be a panel of individuals chosen from across the country, including the local community to judge the competition. Please keep in mind, our goal is to provide fair and impartial decisions for all the participants in this process, and therefore the decisions of the judges are final.

There will be a first (\$5,000) second (\$1,500) and third (\$1,000) place winner announced at the end of the competition. All participants will receive a monetary award. The first place contestant will receive their award in two parts. The first \$1500 will go directly to the contestant and the balance of \$3500 will be sent to the University or College the contestant will attend in the fall. The second and third place winners will receive their awards by the end of the Congress week and all other contestants will receive their awards upon completion of the oratorical contest. All contestants must present with their social security card or know the number which may be required for the completion of a W9 tax form. .

Organization of the Speech/Essay

The speech must be original and prepared by the contestant.

The speech must be typewritten and saved in a **Word document format**, (12 font- Times New Roman font), double-spaced, a minimum of 600 words and a maximum of 800 words, using Standard English. The speech must be logical, correct in form and content, relevant to the theme, and address the established theme. The speech must clearly document all references or copyrighted material cited in the oration. All supporting documentation must be neatly printed, complete and accurate.

The contestant's written oration and supporting documentation (contestant cover sheet, documentation submission form and the student's most recent report card) must be received from the State Congress President, the State Youth Director, or the State Director of the Oratorical Contest. by the close of business day, Wednesday, May 9, 2012 via one electronic version (email) and five paper copies of the Oration to be sent to the Oratorical Coordinator

The email submission should include the following:

- Contestants name in the subject line
- Contestant Cover Sheet
- Documentation Submission Form
- Written Oration.

The postal submission should include the following:

- 1 Contestant Cover Sheet
- 1 Documentation Submission Form
- 1 Copy of most recent report card
- 5 Type written copies of the Oration

Send to: Roslyn L. Harvey, Oratorical Coordinator
National Baptist Congress Oratorical Contest
5527 S. Cornell Ave Unit #1
Chicago, Illinois 60637-1914
nbcoratorical@gmail.com

Speech Presentation (Oration)

The Contestant must arrive **at least one and 1/2 hours prior** to the start time of the Oratorical Contest. The contestants may have a reference copy of their speech in the holding room prior to the start of the contest.

The Contestant that places 1st must be available to attend the President's Address (Thursday, June 20, 2011) to be acknowledged as the winner and to attend the Youth Rally (Friday, June 22, 2012) and recite the winning oration.

The Contestant's presentation attire is Males: Slacks, Suit Coats and Shirts with Ties and Females: Dress or Suit with Hosiery

The Contestants are to stand, approach the podium, state the theme and begin their memorized rendition, within the frame of the podium (without moving across the stage).

The Contestants are not allowed to use introductions or reference protocols

The Contestants are not allowed to state their names or any other identifying information during the oratorical presentation.

The Contestant's oratorical presentation must avoid speaking in sermonette tones or testimonials, and must avoid excessive gestures.

The Contestant is not allowed to use special props, costumes, clothing or prompts.

The Contestant will automatically be disqualified subsequent to any violation of these guidelines.

Judges

The Judges are selected prior to the NBC Congress of Christian Education Oratorical Contest

The Judges will use the following criteria for each oration: composition, subject matter, content originality delivery, vocal control, enunciation, pronunciation, presentation and mastery of material. The oration must be memorized.

The Judges will give each contestant an intangible score and in the "event of a tie" the contestant that has the highest intangible score will be the winning contestant.

The Judges overall decision is final.

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JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET-2012**

Contestant # _____

Intangible Score _____

EFFECTIVENESS	Poor 1-2	Fair 3-4	Good 5-6	Excellent 7-8	Superior 9-10	Total
Content						
Composition						
Clear Purpose						
SUBJECT MATTER	Poor 1-2	Fair 3-4	Good 5-6	Excellent 7-8	Superior 9-10	Total
Introduction/Closing						
Originality						
DELIVERY	Poor 1-2	Fair 3-4	Good 5-6	Excellent 7-8	Superior 9-10	Total
Memorization						
Enunciation/ Pronunciation						
Vocal Control						
Eye Contact						
DECORUM/ATTIRE	Poor 1-2	Fair 3-4	Good 5-6	Excellent 7-8	Superior 9-10	Total
Poise/Limited Gestures/Attire						
Grand Total						

Judge's Name (Print)

Judge's Signature

Each contestant must receive a score for each category.

Each judge must sign his/her individual score sheet and submit the same to the competition coordinator or designee at the conclusion of each contestant's speech. The Oratorical Commission will tally the scores.

Explanation of Judge's Scoring Sheet

Scoring Categories

Contestant will be judged based on the subject matters listed below.

A brief description of each subject matter has been included. Please note that the information provided is only a guide and may not cover all areas under the judges' consideration. *

Content:

Scriptural References

Clarity of Purpose

Ideas

Logic

Adherence to Baptist Doctrine Diction

Composition:

Structure

Organization

Support Material

Introduction/Closing:

Effective

Memorable

Summarization of Key Points

Thought provoking

Engaging & Relevant (Use of anecdote, poem, question, challenge, or charge, etc. that is relevant to topic.)

Originality:

Original Thought

Informative & Thought Provoking

Delivery:

Memorization

Enunciation/Pronunciation/Articulation

Vocal Control

Eye Contact

Decorum/Attire

Attire (Young Ladies-no pants; Young Men-suit and tie; adornment/accessories that do not distract delivery or reception of speech.)

Posture/Poise/Limited

Limited Gestures

Body Language

**The information provided is only a guide and may be subject to change without notice.*

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CONTESTANT COVER SHEET

Information must be received by close of business day on the 9th of May, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ H _____ C _____

Email: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian: _____

Church: _____ Pastor: _____

Name of State

Convention: _____

Convention President: _____ Telephone : _____

Congress

President: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

State Youth

Director: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

State Oratorical Director: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

Location of Local Contest: _____ Date: _____

Did you Graduate from High school: Yes ___ No ___ Date of Graduation: _____

College or University you plan to attend: _____

Have you received official notice of acceptance: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Website address: _____

Date classes start: _____

Field of Study: _____

State Youth Directors or State Convention or Congress Presidents are asked to verify the accuracy of all information by signing beneath their name. All information must be legible.

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DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION FORM ~2012***

Name and Contact information of Person submitting the Contestant Information

(Please print all information legibly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State* _____ *Zip* _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ *H*(_____) _____ *C*

Email Address: _____

Name of Contestant You Represent: _____

Name of State Convention: _____

Will you attend the 2012 National Baptist Congress, 2012 _____ *Yes* _____ *No*

If no, who will accompany the contestant:

Name: _____ (_____) _____ *C*

Date scheduled to arrive at Congress: _____

Departure date: _____

Hotel Accommodations: _____