

**TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL
CONVENTION, INC.**

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2018 ORATORICAL CONTEST

**The Official Theme:
“Envisioning the Future Exceptionally
as We Lead Disciples for Christ”**

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

(600-800 Word Essay)

“2018 High School Seniors”

1st Place Winner: \$1,500.00

2nd Place Winner \$700.00

3rd Place Winner: \$500.00

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ORATORICAL CONTEST 2018~GUIDELINES

The official theme: 2018 NBC ORATORICAL THEME: “Envisioning the Future Exceptionally as We Lead Disciples for Christ”

Proverbs 29:18: “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”

Matthew 10:1; “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”

Romans 12:4: “For as we are members in one body, and all members have not the same office.”

1 Corinthians 12:7: “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”

Ephesians 4:11: “And he gave some apostles; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”

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 completion of all required guidelines, supported by intellectual thinking, and having a positive expression of an original written and oral presentation of the chosen theme.

Competition

The State Oratorical Contest will be held Saturday, April 28, 2018, 12:00 NOON. at American Baptist College in Nashville, TN. Contestants are students currently enrolled in his or her senior year of high school and will be graduating prior to August 2018, 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. **To compete in the State Convention's Congress of Christian Education Oratorical Contest, THE CONTESTANT'S CHURCH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION MUST BE REGISTERED AND ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE MET PRIOR TO CONTESTANTS DOCUMENTS BEING FORWARD TO THE STATE ORATORICAL COMMISSION. THE DISBURSEMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WILL BE IN NOVEMBER OF 2018.**
4. **The Winner of the TBMEC State Competition will compete at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Oratorical Contest in Oklahoma City, Ok. As a delegate the contestants church MUST BE REGISTERED with the with the State Convention and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.**

The contestants chosen after their District Association competition MUST have all the required documentation submitted by the District's Youth Director (or) The District's Oratorical Contest Director. All required documents must be received by Friday, April 20, 2018 close of business day, Contestants submitting all the required documentation, in the proper format and within the assigned time frame; will be accepted to compete at the State Oratorical Contest in Nashville, TN. The person responsible for submitting the documentation will receive an electronic notification of acceptance by Monday April 23, 2018.

The contestant chosen at the District level will be sponsored by their local church and/or District Association to compete in the State Competition. The contestant chosen at the State level to compete in the National Baptist Congress Oratorical Contest may be sponsored by either his or her local church and/or the District they represent. The sponsoring entity will work directly with the contestant in preparation for the National competition. It is imperative that the contestant's travel arrangements accommodate his/or her commitment to present the winning oration at the Children/Youth Rally, held on Friday, June 22, 2018 in Oklahoma City, Ok.

There will be a panel of individuals chosen from across the state, 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 (\$1,500.00) second (\$700.00) and third (\$500.00) place winner announced at the end of the competition. All participants will receive a monetary award. . Scholarship and money will go directly to the contestants. All contestants must present with their social security card or know the number which will be required for the completion of aW9 tax form prior to disbursement of Scholarship Money.

Organization of the Speech/Essay

The speech must be original and prepared by the contestant.

The speech must be typewritten, saved and submitted in a **WORD DOCUMENT FORMAT**, (Times New Roman 12 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 oration and supporting documentation, i.e., (contestant cover sheet, documentation submission form, electronic photo and the student's most recent report card) must be received from the District's Congress President, the District's Youth Director, or the District's Director of the Oratorical Contest by the close of business day, Friday, April 20, 2018. via electronic version (email) and six paper copies of the Oration, the documentation submission form and the contestant cover sheet, are to be sent via postal submission to the Oratorical Coordinator.

The **email submission** should include the following:

- Contestants name in the subject line
- Contestant Cover Sheet
- Documentation Submission Form
- Contestant's last report card
- Contestants written Oration

(no identifying information should be on this document and it must be sent in Word format)

- Electronic photo of contestant

The **postal submission** should include the following:

- 1 Contestant Cover Sheet
- 1 Documentation Submission Form
- 6 Type written copies of the Oration

(no identifying information should be on this document)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Mrs. Georgia W. Torrance @ 901-210-6831 or email: gtorrancetbmec@yahoo.com

**ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS.**

Send to:

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Oratorical Coordinator***

Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, INC.

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Speech Presentation (Oration)

The Contestant must arrive **at least one hour 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's presentation attire is:

- **Males:** Slacks, Suit Coats and Shirts with Ties
- **Females:** Dresses or Suits (please note the contestants may be on an elevated platform facing the audience) with Hosiery.
- The Contestants are to stand, approach the podium, state the theme and begin their memorized rendition of the written oration, 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 sermonic tones, using testimonials, and excessive gesturing.
- The Contestants are not allowed to use special props, costumes, clothing or prompts.

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Oratorical Contest 2018
CONTESTANT COVER SHEET

Information must be received by close of business day on Friday, April 20, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian: _____

Telephone: _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

Church: _____ Pastor: _____

District's 2018 TBMEC receipt # _____

District Association: _____

Moderator: _____ Telephone: _____

Congress President: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

District Youth Director: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Email: _____

District Oratorical Director: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Email: _____

Location of Local Contest: _____ Date: _____

Date Contestant anticipates graduating from high school: _____

College or University Contestant plans to attend: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Website address: _____

Date classes start: _____ **Field of Study:** _____

Has Contestant received official notice of acceptance: _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

District Youth Director/Oratorical Coordinator, or Congress President is asked to verify the accuracy of all information by signing beneath their name. Please assure that all information is legible.

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ORATORICAL CONTEST

DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION FORM ~2018

*Name and Contact information of Person submitting the Contestant Information to the **Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, INC Oratorical Coordinator**, by the close of business day on **Friday, April 20, 2018**. (Please print all information legibly)*

Name of person submitting information _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

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

Email Address: _____

Name of Contestant You Represent: _____

Name of District Association: _____

Is the Contestant's Church registered with the TBMEC _____ **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Who will accompany the contestant to the State Oratorical Contest in Nashville, TN?

Name: _____ (_____) _____ **C** _____

***The winning contestant must be available to attend the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, June 18-22, 2018 in Oklahoma City, Ok.**

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Judges

The Judges are selected prior to the TBMEC Oratorical Contest. Each judge receives the guidelines and judges score sheet during the judges training sessions. Each judge has attested to providing a fair and impartial scoring of each contestant.

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 (*is most commonly used to describe things that are recognized but not easily quantified*) 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.

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