



**Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.
Congress of Christian Education**

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*"Reaching the world for Christ through preaching, teaching,
education, fellowship, evangelism, and mission."*



2020 Oratorical Program Theme

"Glorifying God through our Commitment to Christ-Centered Evangelism"

Scriptures: Acts 14:21; John 14:6; Matthew 9:35; Romans 1:16

Saturday, March 21, 2020

10:00am

Disciples of Christ Christian Fellowship Baptist Church
2061 Edgewood Avenue West
Jacksonville, Florida 32208
Pastor, Rev. Robert LeCount

2020 ORATORICAL CONTEST CONTESTANT DATA SHEET

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contestant's Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Church: _____

Pastor: _____

High School Senior: Yes ___ No ___ Contestant's Date of Graduation: _____

Association Moderator: _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Association Dean: _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Oratorical Director: _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Parents/Guardian: _____

College/University You Plan To Attend: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

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CONTESTANT PERSONAL GOALS

In 75 words or less, state your post-secondary goal(s), and a scripture verse that motivates you to achieve your goal(s).

All responses must be typed.

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Guidelines

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PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for high school seniors to earn a college scholarship through presentation of an **original** written oration that reflects spiritual knowledge, development, and appreciation of God's Word as well as evidence of intellectual thinking and positive expression.

- Fosters Faith
- Encourages Christ-centered Communication
- Promotes Writing, Public Speaking, and Reading
- Builds Self-confidence

COMPETITION LOCATION

The Oratorical Contest will be **held Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 10:00am** in Jacksonville, Florida at Disciples of Christ Christian Fellowship Baptist Church 2061 Edgewood Avenue West Jacksonville, Florida 32208, Pastor Robert LeCount.

Contestants must arrive **at least one hour prior** to the start time of the Oratorical Contest.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE ORATORICAL CONTESTANT

- Each association can submit **ONE** participant to compete in the oratorical contest.
- Contestants are students currently enrolled in his or her senior year of high school and will graduate at the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- Contestant must have **received a college acceptance letter.**
- The Participant's Church **must be** current in financial obligations to the local, state, and national.
- **Contestant for the oratorical program must be** registered as a delegate to the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education June 22-26, 2020 in Kansas City, Missouri.

- Contestant must be **registered** by the first day Monday, June 22nd, **attend** a Congress course during the week, and **participate** in the youth rally.
- The chosen contestant's local Church or State Congress will sponsor him or her for the National competition.
- The State Oratorical Coordinator will be responsible for working directly with the contestant in preparation for the National Competition.

PRESENTATION

- Orations/Speech must be **memorized**. No notes, props, or any other aids are allowed.
- The speech must be **prepared by the contestant** and **must be original**.
- Orations are **not** to exceed five minutes and must be typed and double-spaced (Times New Roman Font Size 12). **A minimum requirement of 600 words maximum of 800 words.**
- Include the total number of words at the bottom of your document.
- The speech must be logical, correct in form and content, relevant to the theme, and address the established theme.
- Any quotations or copyright material used in the speech must be properly identified.

The presentation attire is as follows:

Males: Suit Coats with Ties

Females: Dress or Suit with Hosiery

DELIVERY

- Contestants are to stand, state the topic and begin their memorized oration.
- Contestants are not allowed to use introductions or reference protocols
- Contestants shall not state their names or any other identifying data during the oration.
- Contestants shall avoid using a sermonette format and avoid excessive gestures in their presentation. Likewise, no dancing, rapping, etc.
- Special props, costumes, clothing or prompts are not permitted.
- Any violations of the guidelines will automatically disqualify the contestant.

The **contestant's oratorical coordinator/young people director must submit** on behalf of the contestant the following: a copy of **speech, contestant data sheet, and contestant personal goals.** **All items must be received by Monday, March 16, 2020.**

State Oratorical Coordinator Mailing and Email Address are listed below.

Karla Alston
P.O. Box 682016
Orlando, Florida 32868
super1ka@yahoo.com
Must be received by: Monday, March 16, 2020

At the end of the competition winners will be announced. Award amounts will be determined and distributed at a later date.

ORATORICAL JUDGES INFORMATION

Explanation of Judges' Scoring Sheet

The Participants will be judged based on the subject matter 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

- Scripture 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 and relevant (use of anecdote, poem, question, challenge or charge, that is relevant to topic)

Originality

- Original thought
- Informative and thought-provoking

Delivery

- Memorization
- Enunciation/Pronunciation/Articulation
- Vocal control
- Eye contact

Decorum/Attire

- Attire that does not distract delivery or reception of speech
- Posture/Poise
- Limited gestures, Body language

ORATORICAL JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET

PARTICIPANT NUMBER: _____

GRAND TOTAL: _____

Scoring Rubric

SUBJECT MATTER	Poor 1-2	Fair 3-4	Good 5-6	Excellent 7-8	Superior 9-10	TOTAL
Introduction/Closing						
Composition (Diction, Structure)						
Content (Scripture References, Logic Ideas,						
Originality						
TOTAL						
DELIVERY	Poor 1-2	Fair 3-4	Good 5-6	Excellent 7-8	Superior 9-10	TOTAL
Memorization/Preparedness						
Enunciation/Pronunciation						
Vocal Control (Pitch, Emphasis, Rate)						
TOTAL						
DECORUM/ATTIRE	Poor 1-2	Fair 3-4	Good 5-6	Excellent 7-8	Superior 9-10	TOTAL
Poise /Attire						
Facial Expression Eye Contact Demeanor Limited Gestures						
GRAND TOTAL						

Judge's Name (printed)

Judge's Signature

Each participant must receive a score for each category. Each judge must tally and sign his/her individual score sheet, which must be submitted to the competition coordinator or designee at the conclusion of each contestant's speech.

Items in this packet may be subject to change with limited to no notice.