



Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
Montgomery County Maryland Chapter
Post Office Box 4375
Silver Spring, Maryland 20914
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3rd Annual JJMCMC Spelling Bee Benjamin E. Mays Oratorical Competition and Poetry Competition

Oratorical Competition Rules and Guidelines

Eligibility

- The competition is open to students residing in Montgomery County Maryland, grades 6 - 8.
- Entries must be received by **Tuesday, January 31, 2012**.

Submissions

Students participating in the Oratorical competition can choose from one of the following topics.

1. What are the positives and negatives of social media and technology?
2. "Going Green"...What will it mean to my community and the world?
3. If you could create an organization with a mission "to help others" what would your organization do and how would you do it?

All entries should be submitted electronically to jjmcmcbec@gmail.com or mailed to JJMCMC, Post Office Box 4375, Silver Spring, Maryland 20914, Attn: Oratorical Competition.

Electronic confirmation acknowledging receipt of your entry will be sent.

Oratorical Competition Rules

(Based upon JJA Teen Oratorical Competition & the Youth Oratorical Contest presented by Optimist International - <http://www.amsnwoptimist.org/programs-oratorical.html>)

- The competition will take place during the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Montgomery County Maryland Chapter (JJMCMC) Annual Spelling Bee, Benjamin E. Mays Oratorical Competition and Poetry Competition on February 25, 2012, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Georgetown Preparatory School, 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, Maryland, 20852.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- The first phase of competition will be conducted before a panel of judges, who will select five top presenters. The final phase of competition will take place in front of the audience. The judges will select two winners from each grade (first place and honorable mention).
- Parents of participating students may not act as judges.
- Speeches are to be researched, written and developed by the contestants. However, parents are allowed to assist with grammar and spelling. Students may be coached and/or advised in final preparation for the competition.

- Three copies of the written speech, including works cited/references, must be submitted to the Oratorical Coordinator upon check-in.

Additional Guidelines

1. Competitors must state their topic prior to commencing the speech. A three-point penalty will be deducted for failure to comply. Any salutation to judges, audience members, etc., should be given prior to the announcement of the topic.
2. A speech may not be less than one and a half minutes (90 seconds) or more than two minutes (120 seconds) in length. Participants who fail to meet the time parameters will be penalized one point for each two-second time block (or fraction thereof) under or over the allocated time.
3. Timing of the speech begins immediately after the speaker gives the topic. Timing stops when the speaker finishes. The official timekeeper will make all determinations regarding the actual length of the speeches. The timekeeper's decisions are final. Competitors may use notes.
4. Any quotation or copyrighted material used in the speech must be identified verbally during the presentation and in the written copy of the speech with the original author's name.

Scoring

- A. **Personal Factors** - Maximum 20 points - appearance, personality, poise and body language will be considered.
- B. **Content of Speech** - Maximum 35 points - subject adherence, theme, content, organization and logic will be considered.
- C. **Delivery and Presentation** - Maximum 35 points - body language, voice, volume, pronunciation, gestures, eye contact, sincerity and emphasis will be considered.
- D. **Overall Effectiveness** - Maximum 10 points - appeal, impression, attitude and effect will be considered.

Awards

Certificate of Participation to all students
Winner from each grade: Trophy and \$100 award
Honorable Mention in each grade: Plaque and \$50 award

To participate in the Oratorical Competition, complete and submit the attached registration form along with \$10.00 to:

JJMCMC, Attn: Oratorical Competition
Post Office Box 4375
Silver Spring, MD 20914

Be sure to note in the memo line of your check or money order
"Oratorical Competition"
Fee is non-refundable

Deadline: January 31, 2012

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Brenda Baldwin-White at JJMCMCBee@gmail.com.



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- DATE:** Saturday, February 25, 2012 **Registration Deadline: January 31, 2012**
- PLACE:** Georgetown Preparatory School, The Figge Theatre
 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852
- TIME:** 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.
- COST:** \$10 per student* *Check or money order payments only. Fee is non-refundable.*
- ELIGIBILITY:** Students in Grades 6-8 Residing in Montgomery County Maryland
Participation is based on a limited number of slots.
- AWARDS:** \$100 for first place. \$50 for second place.
- QUESTIONS:** Please contact the JJMCMC Oratorical Competition Administrator,
 Mrs. Brenda Baldwin-White at JJMCMCBee@gmail.com.

Save upper portion. Return lower portion with fee to:
JJMCMC, Attn: Poetry Competition, Post Office Box 4375, Silver Spring, MD 20914

*If financial assistance is needed, please email registrar: JJMCMCBee@gmail.com. Include 'financial assistance' in subject line. (Fees for families receiving FARM or other public assistance will be waived)

ORATORICAL COMPETITION REGISTRATION

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ Age & Grade: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian (print): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Topic: (Check one):

- What are the positives and negatives of social media and technology?
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