

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority



Oratorical Contest

When: Saturday, February 4, 2012

Where: Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

Time: TBA

Who is eligible?

Zeta's Youth enrolled in high school - 9th thru 12th grade.

Topics

- There are four current topics. You must select one of the topics. (See attached sheet).
- The entire speech is to be memorized!
- Contestants will be judged on composition and delivery!!

Length of speech

The speech must be 5 - 7 minutes.

Awards

All participants will receive a certificate of participation. The first place winner will receive a cash award and represent Florida at the Regional Conference. The second and third place winners will also receive cash awards.

Rules

Please follow all rules from "What Must I Do" on the National Oratorical Contest Information Sheets. (Please note that Florida does not follow rule 8. We offer our own rewards).



Registration Form

In order for you to participate in the Oratorical contest you must return your registration form on or before Monday, January 16, 2012, to:

Soror Loraine W. Davis
1603 Delaware Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Phone: (239) 209-7166 Fax (239) 997-0456

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**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
State of Florida**

ORATORICAL CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____
_____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No. _____

Parents: _____

Chapter: _____

Location: _____

****You must bring a copy of your oration (speech) and give it to the contest coordinators at the contest.***

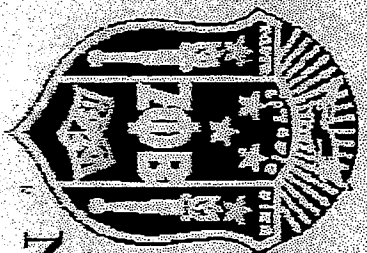
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WHAT MUST I DO?

Rules:

1. The contest is open to Zeta Youth enrolled in grades 9-12, at the time of the contest in their state or region. However, a 12th grader who wins may be a college freshman by the time she gets to the national contest.
2. Only first place winners will advance to the next level. Second place winners are eligible to participate if the first place winner is not able to compete.
3. The entire speech is to be memorized and delivered without props or notes. Length of speech is 4 or 5 minutes.
4. All national contestants must use the same speech delivered at the contestants' state or regional competition.
5. Full credit must be given for quotes. No more than five (5) quotes allowed.
6. Contestants will be judged on composition and delivery. Note: the categories on the score sheet.
7. A copy of the oration is to be given to the contest coordinator at the contest site. On the cover sheet, write the title of your speech, your name, address, social security number, telephone number (include area code), date of birth, and ZPhi Beta chapter with which you are affiliated.
8. All participants will receive an award for participation. The first, second, and third place winners will be eligible for college scholarships (amount is determined by contest committee).
9. The three (3) top winners may be asked to present their orations to a blue and white audience at a time determined by the contest committee. Judging will be done in youth meetings or workshops.
10. All of the above rules cover state, regional and national competitions.



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The Official Handbook

Wm. C. Brown
The World of Educational Contests

Mission:

Zeta's youth have the responsibility of setting a positive example for other youths within our communities. Those youths who have embraced the tenets of scholarship, community services, and personal development through their devotion to God and family, have already begun to accept their responsibility. They are inspired from within to make their voices heard and their deeds known as they strive to make a difference in the 21st Century.

The opportunity to research events that affect their lives and their futures, and to use their findings to speak to, influence, and help others to excel is the mission that Zeta has for its youths who are participants in its oratorical contests.

Criteria for Judging

Content and Organization

- Clear statement of main idea?
- Clear organization of ideas
- Effective transitions
- Enough supporting evidence
- Emphasized main points
- Ended with high interest

Delivery

- Eye contact adequate
- Posture acceptable
- Gestures effective
- Voice – volume and rate appropriate
- Pronunciation correct
- Enunciation clear
- Uses expressions appropriate to speaking situation
- Word choice appropriate

What is an Oration?

An oration is a composition that has been written to be presented orally as a speech. This speech must be memorized and delivered without props or notes.

Before you speak...

- * Analyze your audience.
- * Choose your topic.
- * Determine the purpose of your speech.
- * Write your speech.
- * Practice aloud and on your feet.

Current Contest Topics

- * "Zeta's Youth: Providing Hope through Community Service"
- * "Humility, Opportunity, Preparation, and Exaltation: Challenges for the Success of Zeta's Youth"
- * "Youth: Zeta's Legacy and Hope"
- * "Youth: Seeking Changes for America's Future"

Speech Planning Guide

Choose your Topic.

Then, determine...

What is the problem?

Who or what is affected by the problem?

What is the expected outcome? Desired outcome?

and...

How does that affect Zeta's Youth?

What can Zeta's youth (adults, a specific population, or gender) do to bring about positive results or the desired results?

also...

At what cost (money, time, skills, plans)?

How long will it take?

Is your plan a workable one?

What counter arguments might you expect?

Plan Summary:

- Present the problem.
- Explain why the problem exists.
- Determine who can fix the problem.
- State role of Zeta and youth.
- Present the possible solutions and expected outcomes.
- Now, write out this information in logical paragraphs. Remember, you must have an opening, a body (discussing 2-3 points), and a conclusion.

Summarize all of the above and present a challenge to your audience. Leave them thinking!!!