

## **Alabama District Exchange Club Oratory Contest**

- The speech contestant must follow the written text as submitted prior to the contest. Each contestant will be permitted to hold and refer to notes printed **on no more than two 3x5" index cards** during their speech. However, speech contestants may not use audio/visual equipment, printed displays, or other prompts in conjunction with their speech. Speech contestants may use a microphone and amplification system if necessary.
- The prompter will have a copy of each speech and will give the first few words of the speech only when the speech contestant signals for assistance. Points may be deducted for prompting.
- Each speech shall last at least five (5) minutes, but not be more than eight (8) minutes in length. The timekeeper will stand briefly at five minutes. At eight minutes, the timekeeper will remain standing until the conclusion of the speech. Two points will be deducted if the speech is less than five minutes or exceeds eight minutes. At the conclusion of the speech, one of the judges will ask one impromptu question related to the topic and content of the speech. The speaker will be given two minutes to answer the question.

### **Judges for the Speech Contest**

- The Alabama District Exchange Club will arrange for three to five individuals to serve as judges of the Speech Contest. Although not necessarily trained in speech, the individuals should be selected for their objectivity and professionalism. Judges should not be members of the local Exchange Club. The Speech Committee members should explain the purpose and rules of the contest, as well as the expectations for the judging process.
- The judges should receive a copy of each speech contestant's speech prior to the contest. Each speech must be anonymous with all indications of the speech contestant's identity removed from the printed copies. The judges should also receive a copy of the Speech Contest Scoring Sheet with instructions on the scoring methods. Be sure to obtain a brief resume of each judge to be used in publicity releases.
- At the conclusion of each speech, the speech contestant may take a seat in the audience for any remaining speeches.
- At the conclusion of the speeches, the judges will assemble in the anteroom to complete their individual scoring sheets and tabulate a compiled score. Portable calculators should be available for the judges' use. Once the scoring is tabulated, the results will be given to the Oratory Chair who will announce the results.

### **Speech Contest Awards**

- The winners of the Alabama District Speech Contest will be presented with \$300 plus \$300 for participating. All speech contest entrants will be recognized with certificates of appreciation for their participation in the contest and \$300.

# Alabama District Exchange Clubs Youth Oratory Entry Form

Congratulations on your participation in the Oratory Contest! Everyone at the Alabama District Convention is looking forward to meeting you and your contestant and hearing his or her speech.

To enter your Oratory Contestant in the District Competition, please complete this form and follow the submission instructions at the bottom of the page. **Deadline for entries is May 15th**

*Please Print!*

## Sponsoring Club Information

Sponsoring Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Contestant Information

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to: Youth Awards Chairman Lisa deShazo at:

**Lisa deShazo, Youth Awards Chair**

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