



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

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*“Reaching the world for Christ through preaching, teaching, education,  
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## **2019 Oratorical Program Theme**

**"Envisioning the Future Exceptionally as we Send Disciples for Christ"**

Scriptures: Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 16: 15-16; Luke 24: 46-47; John 20:21

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

**10:00am**

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

# 2019 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# **2019 ORATORICAL CONTEST**

## **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 23, 2019 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 2018-19 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 17-21, 2019 in Baltimore, Maryland.

- Contestant must be **registered** by the first day Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, **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 18, 2019.**

**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 18, 2019**

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						
<b>TOTAL</b>						
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)						
<b>TOTAL</b>						
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						
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>						

\_\_\_\_\_  
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.**