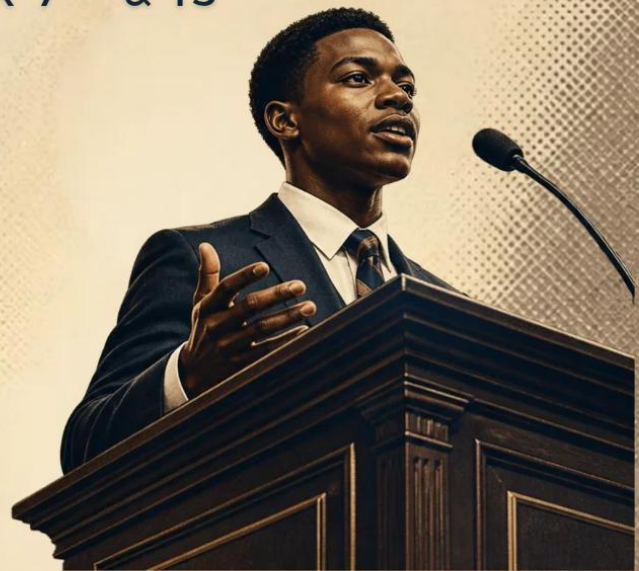


CORNELIUS CAMPBELL ORATORICAL CONTEST

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NOVEMBER 7TH & 15TH



Contest Theme
Beyond the Books:
The Other Things I Gain From School



Cornelius Campbell Oratorical Contest

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This contest consists of two parts: 1) a half-day of workshops on dress, public speaking, and overall presentations held on November 7th and 2) an oratorical contest where each contestant will present a 5-8 minute original piece based on that preselected topic. The oratorical contest will take place on November 15th.

Purpose

This oratorical contest introduces middle and high school students to the art of public speaking and presentation and challenges them to think critically about the value of education in their lives.

How to Enter

Students may register on the St. James Presbyterian Church website (www.stjamesji.org) or with the paper registration forms available on Sunday mornings or in the church office.

Eligibility

The competition will include a high school division and a middle school division. All middle and high school students are eligible to participate.

Topic

"Beyond the Books: The Other Things I Get From School."

Length of Speech

The speech must be at least 5 minutes but not over 8 minutes in length.

Prizes

- First Place - \$150
- Second Place - Club level - \$100
- Third Place - \$75

Contest Deadlines

The registration deadline is October 18th; however, students are encouraged to register as early as possible.

Judges

Four unidentified individuals will judge the contest.

Contest Guidelines

1. The contests are open to all boys and girls.
2. Each contestant shall prepare his or her own speech. However, the contestant may receive advice in the preparation of the speech and may make minor changes or improvements in the speech at any time.
3. The St. James Foundation will have the right to edit, publish, and record any speech used in any contest without payment to the author.
4. Each contestant must submit one typewritten copy of the speech, double-spaced and identified with the contestant's name, grade, and school. This copy must be attached to the contestant information form.

Contest Rules

1. All contestants must receive a copy of the official rules and be instructed to familiarize themselves with these rules thoroughly.
2. The St. James Foundation Chair, before the beginning of the contest, shall conduct a drawing with all contestants present for the speaking order. All contestants will then be introduced as "Speaker A," "Speaker B," etc.
3. All contestants must speak on the official topic.
4. All contestants must state the official topic before beginning their speech for the timekeeper to record the exact time of the speech. A 3-point penalty is automatically assessed by the timekeeper for failure to state the official subject. Timing will begin immediately after the official topic is expressed. Any salutation to judges, audience, etc., should precede the announcement of the subject. Timing will stop when the contestant finishes.
5. Any quotation or copyrighted material used in the speech must be identified verbally during the speech and in the written copy of the speech with the original author's name. The contestant shall be fully responsible for the use of any quoted material. Failure to identify non-original material shall result in disqualification.
6. No reference may be made that might identify the contestant, their family, or the specific geographical or political area from which they originate. This does not include religion or nationality. The maximum penalty may be 5 points, as decided by each individual judge.
7. The time allowed will be no less than 5 or more than 8 minutes in length. Contestants going over or under the time limit will not be cautioned but will be penalized 1 point for every 15 seconds or fraction thereof over or under the allotted time. The official timekeeper will determine these penalties.
8. The use of props, special costumes, or clothing is permitted; however, speech time regulations must be adhered to. Notes and lecterns may be used if the contestant desires.
9. No spectator may enter or leave the audience while a contestant is speaking. The audience must be alerted to these rules before the competition begins, and at various intervals as needed.
10. Names shall not identify contestants until after the last oration has been presented and the judges and timekeeper have left the room.

11. Any protest must be made immediately after the condition is noted that brings about the protest. Protests received after the next contestant has been introduced, or in the case of the last contestant, after the judges have retired for deliberation, will not be entertained under any circumstances. The judges will decide all protests in conformity with these rules. The judges' decision is final.

Judging and Timing

1. The judges and timekeepers cannot be identified at the time of the contest or by advance publicity, but only after the last oration has been presented.
2. Judges and timekeepers must use the official score sheets furnished in this planning guide.
3. During the contest, the judges and timekeeper shall each be in different locations within the room.
4. The timekeeper shall be provided with a stopwatch or equivalent timing device.
5. Each judge must render a final decision on all contestants without consultation with other judges or any other person. Each judge and timekeeper must sign their official score sheet.
6. The result of a judge's decision must be kept confidential. No one shall attempt to discuss a contestant's score with the judge.
7. After the judges have totaled their scores for each contestant, deducted penalty points, and ranked each contestant, the judges shall sign their score sheets and give them to the Foundation Chairperson. Each judge's score and rank for each contestant shall then be entered and tabulated for each contestant on the Official Oratorical Contest Report Form. From this form, the contest winner will be determined.

Scoring of Contest

1. Scoring will conform to the following scoring schedule.
2. Poise: (Appearance, Personality)
3. Content of Speech: (Subject Adherence, Theme, Logic, Content, Color)
4. Delivery & Presentation: (Voice, Volume, Pronunciation, Gestures, Eye Contact, Sincerity & Emphasis)
5. Overall Effectiveness: (Appeal, Impression, Attitude, Effect)

Penalties

1. Self-identification: 1-5 points
2. Time penalties: 1 point for every 15 seconds over or under the official limits
3. Failure to announce topic: 3 points
4. Failure to complete speech: disqualification
5. Failure to identify non-original material: disqualification