

T.B. Boyd, Jr. Oratorical Contest APPLICATION

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PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADE LEVEL: (CIRCLE ONE)

JUNIOR SENIOR

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Tips & Guidelines

for writing essay papers



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2010 Congress Theme: "Distributing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, and publishing His Word." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Qualifications:

- The topic for the essay is taken from the Congress theme for the current year.
- Contestant must be entering eleventh (11th) or twelfth (12th) grade in high school.
- Contest is held during the Oratorical Techniques for Public Speaking class. Due to the increasing number of students registering for the class, it has become necessary to limit the number of persons eligible for the contest to rising 11th and 12th grade students. All participants must pre-register for the class. On-site registration is not permitted.
- Contestant must be an active member of a participating church represented with the Congress, with no church having more than two contestants.
- First (1st), Second (2nd), Third (3rd) and Fourth (4th) place winners are prohibited from entering the contest more than once.

Procedures:

- All contestants must pre-register for the Oratorical Techniques for Public Speaking Class (YCP 5300).
- High school students in the tenth (10th), eleventh (11th), and twelfth (12th) grades may register for the Oratorical Techniques for Public Speaking Class for exposure purposes. However, tenth (10th) grade students are not eligible to participate in the contest.
- The essay should be written with a maximum of five hundred (500) words, which is equivalent to five minutes. The title, which includes the Scripture and theme, should not be included in the five hundred (500) word maximum.
- The essay must be written by the contestant.



2009 1st Place Winner:
Mr. Jerome Bailey (left)
presented by Dr. T. B. Boyd III (right)

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Procedures (continued):

- Four (4) copies of the contestant's essay must be presented Wednesday during class, one for each judge. Orientation, classroom instruction, and designated time for competition will be given on Wednesday, June 16th, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Charlotte Convention Center. All contestants must be present.
- In order to receive awards or certificates, contestants must be present for the oral presentation at the Congress General Assembly on Friday evening at the Charlotte Convention and Visitors Bureau at Charlotte, NC. A panel of judges will listen to the essay presentations and select three (3) students for presentation to the Congress General Assembly. Each contestant will be judged according to the following criteria:
 - (1) Method of Presentation
 - (2) Contents of the Theme
 - (3) Continuity
 - (4) Grammar

Purpose:

- To develop excellence in academic achievement, promote writing skills and public speaking ability, and to allow for healthy competition among contestants.

Cash Awards Totaling \$8,000:

First (1st) Place Winner \$3,000

Second (2nd) Place Winner \$2,500

Third (3rd) Place Winner \$1,500

Fourth (4th) Place Winner \$1,000

Contest will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center,
Wednesday—Friday, June 16-18, 2010
1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Apply online at www.nationalbaptistcongress.org, or complete form on reverse side.