

African-American/Caribbean Education Association Inc (AACEAINC)
Proudly Announces Its Inaugural

Oratory and Debate Competition Series 2019-2020

The Oratory and Debate Competition Series is an academic and scholarly undertaking designed to give a platform to African-American, Caribbean, and other interested students, the opportunity to exercise communication skills in speech and debate, where Speech and Debate Teams do not exist in their neighborhood school or where the opportunity can exist to enhance and augment the speech and debate experience. Young people partaking of the competition will be presented with challenging topics that align with AACEAINC's Collins, Samber, and Washington scholarships in the areas of Medicine, Math and Science, and English Language Arts.

About the Series

The series will allow entrants to engage in an "Academic" activity that encompasses doing research, gathering thoughts, and having the opportunity to organize, deliver and execute those thoughts in a scholarly, oratory format. The Series will be divided into two parts:

1. Part I- Original Oratory on Saturday, August 3, 2019
2. Part II- Debate on a date TBA in the Fall 2019

Part I will focus on Original Oratory, which is a memorized, persuasive speech. The Orator has the unique and awesome job of addressing an audience utilizing his or her communication skills in an attempt to convince, inspire, stimulate thinking, and/or move a listener to action and/or broaden a listener about a perspective.

Part II will focus on Debate advancing the conversation. Entrants will work in teams performing, proactively, to demonstrate their prowess in communicating shared and differing viewpoints, which will hopefully allow greater appreciation of different and diverse perspectives.

Eligibility:

Students going into the following grades as of the **Fall, September 2019** may enter the competition.

Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 (4th grader going into 5th grade, and 11th grader going into 12th grade are eligible)

All topics for the Original Oratory and Debate shall be provided in the Registration Form and all entrants will select from any one of the given topics. For this competition, entrants may not select a topic of their choosing. There will be a deadline date by which your chosen topic is to be declared, no later than June 22nd, and a date that all Original Oratory speeches are to be submitted, two weeks prior to the day of competition, July 20th.

Registration Fee: \$40 –registered entrants that wish to cancel will receive a refund, if their place in the competition can be replaced by a Wait List applicant. If no replacement is available, registration fee will not be refunded.

Spectators: Space is limited and there are no guarantees of admission. If tickets are provided, that information will not be known until after June 8th. At time of registering it is suggested that parents/guardians provide interest in attending this event where stated, and can be found on the Registration Form. Spectator: Served on a First Come, First Served basis with a **\$20 entrance fee**.

Food Not Included

This is an academic endeavor that will not provide food. Hence, participants are advised to bring a light snack. Bottled water will be on hand for everyone, but food will not be served at this event.

Awards:

First, Second, and Third Place Trophies

A trophy will be awarded to entrants that finish in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for their Division: Grades 5-8, and Grades 9-12.

All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation Award.

How to Apply:

All entrants should read this Announcement and the entire Registration Form carefully to ensure an understanding of what is required to compete. You will then need to:

1. Download Registration Form from website
2. Complete Registration Form
3. Mail Registration Form and Registration Fee by:
 - The First Call Submit Date May 20, 2019 (Recommended) or by
 - The Second or Third Call Submit Dates May 31st and June 8th, respectively. (Space may or may not be available)
4. Follow the directions specifically outlined in the Registration Form.
5. Email to us the topic you have chosen from the given list of topics, on or before Saturday, June 22nd.
6. Email to us a copy of your written speech, completely finished, on or before Saturday, July 20th, two weeks prior to competition.

Contact Information: Questions and/or concerns may be directed to us via our office telephone number or email address.

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