

# REGISTRATION FORM



## African-American/Caribbean Education Association Inc. (AAACEAINC)

-Presents-

2<sup>nd</sup> Original Oratory Competition

“Honoring Frederick Douglas, the Iconic Master of Oratory”

Saturday, February 1, 2025 • 1:00 to 4:00 PM

American Legion Post 483

240-08 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Rosedale, New York 11422

### Student's Full Name (Print Clearly)

First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE the Grade you are in within your division:**

**Middle School:** Grade: 5 6 7 8      **High School:** Grade: 9 10 11 12

**Home Mailing Address--with apartment number, if applicable, and zip code**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Your E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact: Name and Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL Name of Parent or Guardian** that gives permission to enter this competition

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please check if Parent Address is different from student: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No **If yes, please provide here.**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Original Oratory Competition

No Registration Fee to enter competition

Original Oratory. competitor will research, write and memorize speech.

### Awards

First, Second, and Third Place Cash Prizes will be awarded to Oratory winners and ALL participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

### Food Not Included

Participants should bring a light snack. Bottled water will be on hand for competitors.

### Topic Areas for the Original Oratory Competition

Competitors may not select a topic of their choice. All Topics for competition appear on pages 4-5 of this Registration Form. Entrants may select any one of the given topics.

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## Preparation

1. How to Prepare
  - Select original oratory topic from one of those appearing on pages
  - Develop your thesis based on facts and the data you have found in your research
  - Write the essence of your speech making sure to have a captivating introduction
  - Memorize and practice the execution of your speech
  - Review the tips and links at the AACEAINC website that has helpful preparation information
1. Rules of this Competition
  - Read the Announcement with policy and requirements on page 8
  - Speech must be memorized
  - Speech cannot be longer than five (5) minutes in length
  - Speeches may have no more than 150 words quoted
  - Your Topic and Written Speech must be submitted two weeks prior to the competition on or before Saturday, January 18, 2025
  - Disclaimer and Consent appearing in this form must be signed by parent or guardian

### **Space is Limited:**

Registration Forms will be accommodated on a “First Come, First Served basis.” Family and friends that wish to support you by attending should let you know in a timely fashion. We wish to accommodate them, especially your family. You can give us an idea of your guests in the Spectator section. An entry fee is required of spectators. The following are important due dates:

**Registration Form: Due on or before Saturday, January 11, 2025**

**Topic and Written Speech: Due on or before Saturday, January 18, 2025**

### **Spectators:**

Parents and other guests are strongly suggested to indicate their interest in attending the competition. This will help by checking the reply that applies to you and your guests.

Please check:

\_\_\_\_\_ No, my parent/guardian is unable to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have guests interested in attending. Number please: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spectator Entrance Fee:** \$20 Adults, \$10 children and young adults under 18 yrs.

### **Entry Fee and Mailing:**

- Make check payable to:  
African-American/Caribbean Education Association
- Mail this entire Registration Form to:  
AACEAINC  
Attn: Oratory Competition  
P.O. Box 1224  
Valley Stream, NY 11582-1224

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**Consent and Disclaimer:** The event will last from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

**Disclaimer:** This is an opportunity for your child to engage in a scholarly and academic undertaking; we look forward to your child's participation and believe it will be a wonderful learning experience that will enhance his/her literacy and communication skills. Please be advised that your child is responsible for his or her transportation and should include a snack. We expect your child to exemplify good manners, leadership and responsibility. We assume no liability during this event and advise that you make arrangements for your child's safe arrival to the site and departure home. Furthermore, all in attendance shall abide by NO Smoking on the premises. *All oratory competitors are to have the consent signed by parent or guardian including 18 year old entrants, unless legally emancipated. (In New York State, the age of majority is 21 years of age, unless emancipated).*

**Consent:**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES. I give permission for my child to participate in Oratory event on Saturday, February 1, 2025 and consent to the Disclaimer. (Parent/Guardian signed consent is required for participation)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian (circle one)

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

-----**Consent for AACEAINC Website**-----

At the event, First, Second, and Third Place winners, and all participants (certificate holders) will be photographed. We request your signed permission to post your child's photograph (and yours as well if applicable) at the AACEAINC website.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I give permission to post photograph at AACEAINC website:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian (circle one)

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Topics for Original Oratory Competition

### Topics

#### 1. Frederick Douglass

Preamble:

Frederick Douglass was an iconic master of oratory, making him one of the greatest orators of all time. His brilliance in the elocution of his speeches motivated action, change, and deliverance.

Topic:

Frederick Douglass lived from 1818-1895. What do you believe were the compelling forces that enabled him to make an impact on the people of his day that motivated revolutionary change in this country's history?

#### 2. Video Games and Black Youth

Preamble:

The topic of video games is controversial. While they can be fun and a means to memory boosting, they can also have detrimental effects.

Topic:

The black community should weigh the effects of video games on black youth and the impact on their growth and development.

#### 3. Animal Testing

Preamble:

Animal testing has produced the development of many life-saving medicines and consumer products. However, there are mixed arguments on the use of animal testing to accomplish this objective.

Topic:

Should animals be used to test for new innovative medicines and safe consumer products?

#### 4. Social Networking

Preamble:

Today, we live in a world where social networking has changed the way we think, communicate, exercise business undertakings, get our news, and more; not to mention the issue of privacy.

Topic:

What is the impact of social networking in our daily lives coupled with the advantages, disadvantages, and privacy concerns?

#### 5. Genetically Engineered Food

Preamble:

Genetically engineered foods have been approved by our nation's U.S. Food and Drug Administration; however, there are real concerns about the safety of eating them.

Topic:

From your perspective, state why consumers should have the right to know if the food they are buying, and eating is genetically engineered.

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## 6. Robotics

Preamble:

Robotics technology encompasses the design, construction, operation, and use of robots and computer systems. The ultimate purpose of these technologies is to substitute for humans and replicate human actions.

Topic:

In your view, why is there a compelling need for Robotics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, especially, in situations that enhance medicine and relieve situations that would be dangerous to humans?

## 7. Saving the Planet

Preamble:

Earth Day is celebrated every April in more than 193 countries. It is a day held to focus on and promote environmental awareness that emphatically calls for the protection of our planet.

Topic:

You have been given the power and authority to save our planet, what policies, measures and so on, will you implement to protect Earth?

## 8. Veteran Care

Preamble:

The Purple Heart is the highest military award bestowed upon a member of the United States Armed Forces. It is the most respected medal in the military and awarded to a recipient who has died, was killed, or was wounded, while serving. Believe it or not, some Purple Heart recipients that were wounded and have returned home from battle, may not receive full benefits.

Topic:

Do you believe this is an issue to be remedied? Elaborate.

## 9. AI (Artificial Intelligence)

Preamble:

AI is another representation of progress, and it is here to stay just like the introduction of the internet; however, there are benefits and dangers.

Topic:

Can we prepare for this technology to protect humanity? Elaborate.

## 10. STEM and Minorities

Preamble:

STEM Education is the interdisciplinary concentration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. An ever alarming and disheartening fact in America today, except for the Asian male demographic, is the underrepresentation of blacks and other minorities in STEM.

Topic:

Can this truth be corrected? What does the data suggest and what would you propose to remedy this situation?

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## Tips to Help

### Tips for Writing Speech and Getting Ready for Competition

1. Memorize your speech
2. State your topic at the beginning of speech
3. Prepare a captivating opening statement
4. Speech cannot exceed 5 minutes, stay within the rules
5. Make eye contact with audience
6. Use facial expressions, hand gestures, body language, and humor if relevant
7. Practice the execution of speech and speak clearly
8. Act naturally
9. Be sensitive to your audience
10. Restate the theme at end with an equally appealing conclusion

## Attire

1. Look your best and dress for success!
2. Business attire is always a good choice.
3. Be sure to wear clothing that is comfortable.

## Links

1. Video links that provide resources on “How To” prepare and deliver speech

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jQ-Q06qlc>

<https://www.edrawsoft.com/prepare-speech-tips.php>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKuv8s00ApE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRPmOc2COdg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZK3jSXYBNak>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ryXOW1QS0ZM>

2. Video links that showcase oratorical champions and oratory competitors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itQqLvsU-ag>

<http://www.toastmasters.org/magazine/magazine-issues/2019/feb/feeling-competitive>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRNa6d9NP\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRNa6d9NP_E)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6lsiUwSmLc>