

ORATORY

Description

Are you a wordsmith with a passion for public speaking? This competition challenges you to harness the power of words to captivate your audience with a compelling speech, either persuading them to a specific viewpoint or enlightening them on a chosen topic.

Requirements:

1. Single Speech, Concise Delivery: Present a single, original speech that doesn't exceed five minutes.
2. Your Unique Voice: The speech must be your own original work, crafted to inform or persuade.
3. Focus on Substance, Not Spectacle: Avoid dramatic performances, costumes, or props.

Judging Criteria

Criteria	Weight	Description
Delivery	25%	Diction, pronunciation, enunciation, emphasis, gestures, tempo, time, and memorization.
Interpretation	25%	Subject matter, theme, logic, and emotional connection.
Platform Presence	25%	Poise, attitude, audience engagement, and overall impression.
Projection	25%	Voice quality, emphasis, tone, pitch, and volume.

Tips for Contestants

- Know Your Audience: Tailor your speech to resonate with your specific audience.
- Practice Makes Perfect: Rehearse your speech multiple times to ensure smooth delivery.
- Master Your Material: Memorize your speech thoroughly to avoid relying on notes.
- Project Your Voice: Speak clearly and loudly to engage your audience.
- Use Body Language Effectively: Employ gestures and eye contact to enhance your message.
- Connect Emotionally: Convey passion and sincerity to captivate your listeners.
- Time Yourself: Practice within the five-minute time limit to avoid penalties.
- Seek Feedback: Practice your speech in front of others and solicit constructive criticism.
- Embrace Nervous Energy: Channel your nerves into positive energy to fuel your performance.
- Be Yourself: Let your personality shine through in your delivery.