

NAACP.
Alabama State Conference

72nd
**STATE
CONVENTION**



**Holiday Inn Research Park
Huntsville, AL**

**September 28, 2024
10:15am**



**DELLA M.
BRYANT**

ORATORICAL CONTEST





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TO: Alabama NAACP Oratorical Participants

The Alabama State Conference of the NAACP will host its annual Della M. Bryant Oratorical Contest on Saturday, September 28th, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Research Park, Huntsville, AL

- Divisions 1 and 2 (K-5thGrade) will report for their orations at 9:30 A.M.
- Divisions 3 and 4 (6th-12thGrade) will report for their orations at 9:30 A.M.
- All Division Winners will be announced prior to the end of the convention.
- Each student will receive a specific time to arrive and perform.
- Please note that students will be permitted only 2 people (parent, coach or family member) to accompany them. Under no circumstances can we allow additional people.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Request an Oratorical packet from your local NAACP Branch.
2. Request an Oratorical Packet from the Alabama State Conference Office by sending an email to the Alabama State Conference Education Chair: Dr. LaShonda D. Brown blashonda20@gmail.com or to info@alnaacp.org.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ORATION FORM IS NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Please contact Dr. LaShonda D. Brown, Education Chair for questions or additional information – blashonda20@gmail.com or by telephone 256-640-0766.

Sincerely,

Benard Simelton, President
Member, National Board of Directors

Enclosure: Oratorical Application Packet

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DELLA M. BRYANT ORATORICAL CONTEST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
10:15 A.M.
HOLIDAY INN RESEARCH PARK
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REGISTRATION FORM FOR CONTESTANTS

Contestant's Name _____

Address _____

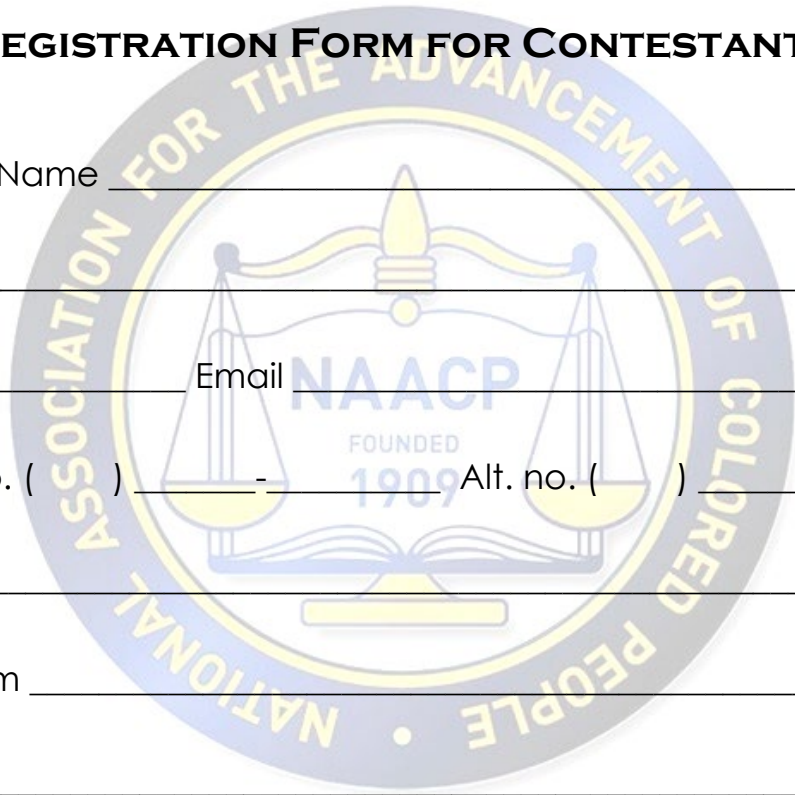
Zip Code _____ Email _____

Telephone no. () - - Alt. no. () - -

School _____

School System _____

County _____

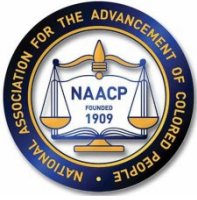


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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

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Contestant Information Sheet

Dr. LaShonda D. Brown, Education Committee Chair
(256) 640-0766

School Name _____

School System _____

Principal's Name _____

School Address _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____

Telephone no. () _____ - _____ Alt. no. () _____ - _____

Category and name of the student(s) who will be participating in the Oratorical Contest.

Understanding Civil Disobedience: Defining Acts of Conscientious Protest. Is civil disobedience a moral responsibility of the citizen? Is Civil disobedience sometimes necessary in a democratic society???

Age 17 – 18 _____

Age 14 – 16 _____

What does diversity, equity, and inclusion look like to you?

Age 11 – 13 _____

What is the importance of diversity in our society?

Age 8 – 10 _____

Age 5 – 7 _____

Contestants will present their Oratory on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

_____ Yes _____ No

RULES FOR THE 2024 ALABAMA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP DELLA M. BRYANT ORATORICAL CONTEST

Eligibility

Participants must be a resident of Alabama, attend an Alabama School, and range in age from 5 –18. Age categories are listed below.

Regulations

The official in charge of the contest will conduct a drawing to determine the order in which each contestant will appear. The chairperson will introduce the contestant. Each contestant will prepare their oration based on their theme according to their age. The contestant must deliver their prepared oration in no fewer than five minutes and no more than seven minutes.

Age Groups

Ages 5 – 7 Ages 8 – 10 Ages 11 – 13 Ages 14 – 16 Ages 17 – 18

Attire

ATTIRE – All contestants must dress as follows:

- A. Boys –Dress slacks/pants, white shirts, and dark ties. Jackets are optional.
- B. Girls –Dress skirts, and white shirts, blouses, tops or turtlenecks.

**Please contact your branch or the AL NAACP Office for an
application**

**Complete and submit the application by
Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**The application can be emailed to either of the following addresses:
education@alnaacp.org or info@alnaacp.org**

JUDGING CRITERIA

Ages 11-18

- Aplomb – poise, self-confidence, audience appeal
- Voice Quality – audibility, articulations, inflection of voice, moderation of pitch
- Creativity– poetic and/or musical interpretation welcome
- Accuracy of Content
- Composition
- Delivery- Eye Contact, Energy/Passion, Body Language
- Overall Fluency
- Relevant Content—supported with relevant examples, facts ,etc.

Maximum awarded points in each area are 20 points for a maximum of 160 total points.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Ages 5-10

- Aplomb – poise, self-confidence, audience appeal
- Voice Quality – audibility, articulations, inflection of voice, moderation of pitch
- Observance of Time Limit – contestants should not go over nor under time limit
- Relevant Content – poetic and/or musical interpretation welcome
- Composition – punctuation, spelling, grammar,

Maximum awarded points in each area are 20 points for a maximum of 100 total points.

Use of Devices and/or Outlines

The participant speeches can be outlined using a device or resource but memorization of the speech is preferred.

Prizes

Cash prizes will be presented to winners in each age group.
