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May 1, 2025

TO: Alabama NAACP Oratorical Participants

The Alabama State Conference of the NAACP will host its annual Della M. Bryant Oratorical Contest on Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hotel Capstone 320 Paul Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401.

Divisions 1 and 2 (K-5th Grade) will report for their orations at 9:30 A.M.

- Divisions 3 and 4 (6th-12th Grade) 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 at education@alnaacp.org.

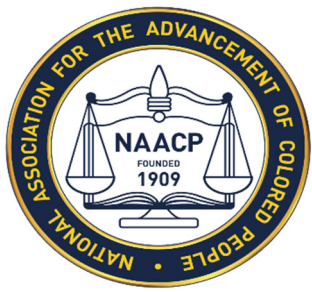
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ORATION FORM IS NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. Friday, August 29, 2025.

Please contact Dr. LaShonda D. Brown, Education Chair for questions or additional information at the following email address: education@alnaacp.org or by telephone 256-640-0766.

Sincerely,

Benard Simelton, President

Enclosure: Oratorical Application Packet



NAACP

2025 Mrs. Della M. Bryant Oratorical Contest

RULES

TIME LIMITATIONS

I. Primary Division (Ages 5-7)

The contestant must deliver their prepared oration in no fewer than two minutes.

II. INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (Ages 8-10)

The contestant must deliver their prepared oration in no fewer than two minutes.

III. JUNIOR DIVISION (Ages 11-13)

The contestant must deliver their prepared oration in no fewer than two minutes and no more than five minutes.

IV. SENIOR DIVISION (Ages 14-16)

The contestant must deliver their prepared oration in no fewer than two minutes and no more than five minutes.

V. SENIOR DIVISION (Ages 17-18)

The contestant must deliver their prepared oration in no fewer than two minutes and no more than five minutes.

Note: Timekeeper will indicate wrap-up time one minute before time expires.

**2025 STATEWIDE ALABAMA CONFERENCE OF THE
NAACP
DELLA M. BRYANT ORATORICAL CONTEST
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

REGISTRATION FORM FOR CONTESTANTS

Contestant's Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____

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

School _____

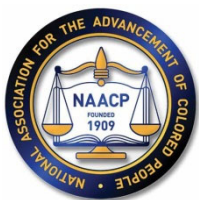
School System _____

County _____



2025 STATEWIDE ALABAMA CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP

DELLA M. BRYANT ORATORICAL CONTEST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025



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 student(s) who will be participating in the Oratorical Contest. The subject that ages 11 – 18 will be speaking on is:

“Understanding the political and cultural climate in our nation, what does it mean to live in a diverse society?”

Age 17 – 18 _____

Age 14 – 16 _____

Age 11 – 13 _____

- The subject that ages 5 – 10 will be speaking on is:

“What does it mean to be a good person? Your classroom is full of people who may not look like you. Why is it important to be nice to all people even if they look different than you?”

Age 8 – 10 _____

Age 5 – 7 _____

Contestants must be present at the Oratory on Saturday September 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

**RULES
FOR THE
2025
STATEWIDE 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 two minutes and no more than five 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 submit this form by mailing a copy to the State
Conference office or you can send an email to:

education@alnaacp.org

The deadline for submission is:

Friday, August 29, 2025

JUDGING CRITERIA

Ages 11-18

- Aplomb – poise, self-confidence, audience appeal
- Voice Quality – audibility, articulations, inflection of voice, moderation of pitch
- Creativity and Relevant Content – poetic and/or musical interpretation welcome
- Accuracy of Content
- Composition – punctuation, spelling, grammar

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.

Prizes

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