

George Washington Carver Society Oratorical Competition

CONTEST RULES:

- ❖ Each contestant shall prepare his or her own speech. The contestant may receive advice in the preparation of the speech and may make minor changes or improvements in the speech at any time.
- ❖ All the contestants must speak on the theme of the program given to them, “*No individual has any right to come into the world without leaving behind a distinct reason for having passed through it.*”
- ❖ Time allowed for presentation will **NOT** be under *3 minutes* or **OVER** *5 minutes* in length. Contestants will be penalized for each 15 seconds over or under the allotted time.
- ❖ The use of props, special costumes or clothing, or use of prompters will **NOT** be permitted.
- ❖ Contestants will not be permitted to identify his or herself, family, or the geographical or political area from which they originate.
- ❖ Contestants will also be penalized for failure to announce the official topic before beginning their speech.
- ❖ Contestants will compete in two divisions. *Division I* accepts contestants grades 6-8 (Middle School) and *Division II* accepts contestants grades 9-12 (High School).

AWARDS

- ❖ 1st Place Division I - \$100
- ❖ 1st Place Division II - \$100
- ❖ 2nd Place Division I - \$50
- ❖ 2nd Place Division II - \$50
- ❖ ALL participants – Certificate of Appreciation