The Martin Luther King Social Action Committee
1993-2027

2027 Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest



Theme: *Arise Shine For Your Light Has Come!*

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Celebrating 34years (1993-2027) *Dr. George B. Jackson, Founder & Chairman*

Dear Prospective Oratorical Contest Student,

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you. The Martin Luther King Jr. Social Action Committee (MLK-SAC) of Thomasville is honored to announce the 27th Annual MLK Oratorical Contest, to be held on Saturday, January 16, 2027. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Oratorical Contest at 6:00 p.m. The event where will take place will be announced soon!

This prestigious regional competition is open to high school seniors and continues our tradition of celebrating Dr. King's unmatched gift for oratory. In 2026, scholarship awards totaling $27,100 were presented to participants—an investment in the bright futures of young leaders.

Eligibility requires a minimum GPA of 2.70, and applicants must submit a copy of their most recent transcript or report card along with the registration form. A non-refundable registration fee of $30 is due at the time of application/registration.

Our first scheduled meeting with all prospective contestants will be on Thursday, October 22, 2027 at 6 p.m. via Zoom (Zoom Meeting link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89725005395 with Meeting ID: 897 2500 5395 and you also can find on our website www.mlk-sac.com). We will have bi-weekly meetings starting on October 22, 2026 and ending on January 7, 2027. In this meeting we hope to prepare you with some pointers on manuscript requirements, speech content, dress code, presentation, and opening salutation. The deadline for registration is Friday, December 18, 2026, no exceptions. You can pay registration via Cashapp at $MLKSAC or pay via going to https://www.mlk-sac.com/2027-mlk-oratorical-contest.

As always, thank you for your time and consideration. **"Intelligence plus character~that is the goal of true education."(~Dr. ML King)**

Best Wishes,

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MARTIN LUTHER KING SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

MLK Oratorical Contest

January 16, 2027
Oratorical Contest
6:00 pm

Hosted by: **TBA**

Guidelines *for judging* participants *in oratorical* competition

GPA	ATTIRE		TIME FRAME	AWARDS
	Male	Female		
Senior must have a minimum of 2.70 GPA- Please submit school transcript or latest report card.	Black business suit or Black Sports Coat, dark pants, White Shirt, tie ; Black sneakers allowed	Black dress or Black Business suit, White Blouse, no open-toe shoes; Black sneakers allowed	4 minutes minimum - 5 minutes maximum	Trophies & Scholarships

Criteria for participants:

1. Appropriate business attire
2. Authenticity of content (extrapolates some content from Dr. King's speeches)
3. Inclusion of theme
4. Maintaining eye contact with audience
5. Participants can deliver speech using technology, props and other tools. If the speech is not memorized, the use of notes is permissible.
6. Email speech to Dean of Students by Friday, January 7, 2027.
7. Create your intro video introducing yourself and must be emailed to Dean of Students, January 7, 2026. ***NOTE:*** ***Presentations must adhere to time frame and criteria. Contestants are penalized –10 points over or under specified time limit.***

Criteria for judging:

1. Adherence to dress code
2. Articulation of content
3. Stage presence (embracing the moment)
4. Creativity
5. Theme: interwoven into speech (extrapolates some content from Dr. King's speeches) min of two.
6. Interaction with audience, focus
7. Content: research, organization, coherent thoughts

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MARTIN LUTHER KING ORATORICAL CONTEST

Registration Form

2027 MLK Oratorical Contest
Thomasville, NC 27360

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Parents Name: _____

Parents Email: _____

School Name: _____ Principal: _____

School Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

GPA: _____

*****Please submit one letter of recommendation*****
(Only from an Educator, Guidance Counselor or Principal from your High School)

****Please attach business-appropriate photo****

Short Biographical Sketch (please include awards and honors):

Please go to www.mlk-sac.com/2027-mlk-oratorical-contest to register or email completed registration form to mlksac93@gmail.com and pay $30 registration via Cashapp $MLKSAC or pay via https://www.mlk-sac.com/2027-mlk-oratorical-contest

If you have questions you can contact MLK-SAC via mlksac93@gmail.com or pstanjack@gmail.com Attn: Dr. Pamela S. Jackson, Dean of Students Visit our website at: www.mlk-sac.com for more information.

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