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SOCIAL  
ACTION  
COMMITTEE,  
INC.**

# ***Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration 2017 Awards Dinner & Oratorical Contest***

*Proposed Guidelines for judging participants in oratorical competition*

AGE GROUPS	ATTIRE		TIME FRAME	AWARDS
	male	female		
Grades 11-12 (high school levels)	Shirt, tie and business suit	Dark dress or business suit	3 minutes minimum - 5 minutes maximum	Plaques & Scholarships

**LOCAL THEME  
&  
ORATION  
TOPIC:  
“CONTENDERS  
FOR THE  
FAITH”**

### **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. Copy of speech for judges (total of 5-6 copies) 5 days prior to contest

**NOTE:** Presentations must adhere to time frame and criteria. Contestants are penalized -10 points over specified time limit.

### **Criteria for judging:**

1. Articulation
2. Stage Presence
3. Creativity
4. Theme: local or national interwoven into speech (extrapolates some content from Dr. King's speeches)
5. Interaction with audience
6. Content: Research, focus, organization, coherent thoughts

*January 14, 2017*

*6:00 pm*

*Mary Rittling  
Conference  
Center*

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Thomasville, N.C.*

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