



The Martin Luther King Social Action Committee
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2024 Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest



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Celebrating 31 years (1993-2024)

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Dear Prospective Oratorical Contest Student,

Grace and peace multiplied unto you. The Martin Luther King Social Action Committee (MLK-SAC) of Thomasville is proud to announce the 2024 MLK Oratorical Contest. Our 23rd Anniversary Oratorical Contest will take place at T. Austin Finch Auditorium, 406 Unity Street, Thomasville, NC on Saturday, January 13, 2024, with a reception starting at 5:00 p.m. and the Oratorical Contest at 6:00 p.m. This regional competition is open to High School juniors and seniors.

Scholarship monies and awards totaling \$27,000 will be awarded to winners in the 2024 MLK Oratorical Contest. The contest highlights our continued awe and fascination with Dr. King's masterful oratorical prowess. The theme for the 2024 Oratorical Contest is "*Knowledge is Never Wisdom Until it is Shared.*"

Contestant registration fee is \$30 per student, due at time of application submission. You can register online at www.mlksac.com/2024-mlk-oratorical-contest.

Our first scheduled meeting with all prospective contestants will be on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6 p.m. via Zoom (Zoom Meeting link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89899810121> with Meeting ID: 898 9981 0121 and you also can find on our website www.mlksac.com). In this meeting we hope to prepare you with some pointers on manuscript requirements, speech content, presentation, and opening salutation. The deadline for registration is Sunday, December 31, 2023, no exceptions. You can pay via Cashapp at \$MLKSAC or make checks payable to MLK-SAC for the registration fee and mail to MLK-SAC, 108 Salem St, Thomasville, NC.

As always, thank you for your time and consideration. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Best Wishes,

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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 No sneakers	Dark dress or business suit No open-toe shoes No sneakers	4 minutes minimum - 6 minutes maximum	Plaques & Scholarships

LOCAL THEME & ORATION TOPIC:

"Knowledge is
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January 13, 2024
T. Austin Finch
Auditorium
406 Unity Street
Thomasville, NC
Reception 5 pm
Oratorical Contest
6:00 pm

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 Saturday, January 6, 2024.

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)
6. Interaction with audience, focus
7. Content: research, organization, coherent thoughts

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