



The Martin Luther King Social Action Committee
1993-2025 (Silver Anniversary)



2025 Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest



"For Such A Time As This.."



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Celebrating 32years (1993-2025)

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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 2025 MLK Oratorical Contest. Our 24th Anniversary Oratorical Contest will be on Saturday, January 18, 2025, 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. The location will be announced soon!

Scholarship monies and awards totaling \$25,000 will be awarded to winners in the 2025 MLK Oratorical Contest. The contest highlights our continued awe and fascination with Dr. King's masterful oratorical prowess. The theme for the 2025 Oratorical Contest is "*For Such A Time As This.*"

Contestant registration fee is \$30 per student, due at time of application submission. You can register online at www.mlksac.com/2025-mlk-oratorical-contest.

Our first scheduled meeting with all prospective contestants will be on Thursday, November 7, 2024 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 Tuesday, December 31, 2024, 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,

Dr. George B. Jackson

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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:

"For Such A Time
As This"

January 18, 2025
Oratorical Contest
6:00 pm

Location TBA

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 11, 2025.

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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2025 Theme: "For Such a Time As This"

MARTIN LUTHER KING ORATORICAL CONTEST

REGISTRATION FORM
January 18, 2025 ~
6pm & Location: TBA

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade/Class: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

School Name: _____ Principal: _____

School Phone: _____ Student Contact number: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Short Biographical Sketch (please include awards and honors):

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or email completed registration form to
mlksac93@gmail.com and pay \$30 registration via Cashapp \$MLKSAC,
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