



## ORATORICAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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1. Allotted time for presentations: 5-10 minutes. If presentations do not meet the required minimum (5 minutes) or exceed the maximum (10 minutes), the candidate will be penalized one (1) rating point for each fifteen (15) seconds under or over the allotted time.
2. Candidates are permitted to use 3x5 note cards during presentations. **Please note:** 8.5x11 sheets are **NOT** permitted during the presentations.
3. Visual aids (e.g., overhead projector, charts, computer hardware/software, etc.) are permitted during presentations. Candidates should contact your chapter prior to the event to make arrangements.
4. The judging team should consist of representatives from Human Resources, Training and Development and Toastmasters International.

### **AWARDS:**

Local winner will compete in the Regional Competition and Regional winners will receive prepaid registration and hotel accommodations to compete in the national competition at the UFSC Annual Leadership Summit in Kansas City, MO July 23-29, 2017.

All regional winners will be acknowledged at the National Oratorical Contest. Special recognition will be given to the USFC Orator of the Year.

To prepare for the program, the following are needed:

- ◆ Minimum of 3 judges (regional/national)
- ◆ Timekeeper (stopwatch recommended) (regional/national)
- ◆ Timer with show cards indicating time remaining (regional/national)
- ◆ Volunteers to collect and tally judge's scores (calculators suggested) (regional/national)
- ◆ Award for regional winner (regional conference); suggest certificates for all participants.
- ◆ Award for Orator of the Year (national conference); suggest certificates for all participants.
- ◆ Appreciation awards for judges (regional/national)

- ◆ Oratorical Competition Program with competition's history, sponsor, topics and regional contestants (national competition)



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ORATORICAL COMPETITION**

**JUDGE'S OFFICIAL SCORESHEET**

*Contestant's Name* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Topic* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Judge's Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Content (Max. Pts. – 35)</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
Was the theme clear?	10 pts.	_____
Was there evidence of adequate/useful research?	10 pts.	_____
Was theme well supported with subdivisions?	5 pts.	_____
Was the presentation educating?	5 pts.	_____
Was it interesting?	5 pts.	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

<u>Delivery (Maximum Pts. – 40)</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
Articulation	5 pts.	_____
Correct Pronunciation	5 pts.	_____
Loudness	5 pts.	_____
Voice Inflection	5 pts.	_____
Flow	5 pts.	_____
Variety	5 pts.	_____
Use of Gestures	5 pts.	_____
Eye Contact	5 pts.	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

<u>Poise (Maximum Pts. – 15)</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
Was the Speaker in Control Throughout?	5 pts.	_____
Was the Speaker Pleasant?	5 pts.	_____
Posture & adaptation to the audience?	5 pts.	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

<u>Adherence To The Theme? (Maximum Pts. – 10)</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
Does the speech address the theme?	10 pts.	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

**FINAL SCORE (Max. Pts. – 100)** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIE BREAKER-RATE SPEAKER (SCALE 1-10)** \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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