

Frederick Douglass

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Washington, DC 20020

National Park Service
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Frederick Douglass
National Historic Site
National Capital Parks-East



2010 Application

Frederick Douglass Annual Oratorical Contest

SPONSOR: Frederick Douglass National Historic Site
National Capital Parks-East, National Park Service

CO- SPONSOR: Frederick Douglass Housing Corporation

THEME: Frederick Douglass: Thoughts for All Time:
America's Great Orator
Contestants should address the breadth of Frederick Douglass' life and oratorical abilities by reciting an excerpt of a speech written and delivered by Frederick Douglass.

RESPOND BY: **November 15, 2010 4:00 pm**

ELIGIBILITY: Students in grades 1 – 12

GUIDELINES: Contestants should memorize an excerpt of any speech by Frederick Douglass. Copies of the speeches must be obtained from a source other than the Frederick Douglass NHS. Please see *Contest Rules* for details.

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION:

Division	Grades	Time
Elementary	1 – 3	1 -3 minutes
Junior	4 – 5	2 -5 minutes
Junior High	6 – 8	5 -8 minutes
Senior High	9 – 12	6 -12 minutes

PRIZES: Monetary prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division:

First Place: \$200 gift card
Second Place: \$150 gift card
Third Place: \$100 gift card

The amounts listed are the prize amounts from the 2009 contest. Amounts may change for the 2010 contest.

A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL CONTESTANTS.

JUDGING: Refer to guidelines.

All decisions by the judges are FINAL.

Each school will be limited to bringing a **maximum of 12** students with no more than **3 students from each grade level.**

Students will deliver their oration in competition with other students on the following dates:

Thursday December 9, 2010

Friday December 10, 2010

Saturday December 11, 2010

Contestants will be scheduled by appointment. Contest applicants will be notified of their appointment

LOCATION Frederick Douglass National Historic Site's
 Visitor Center
 1411 W. Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020,

BEGINNING 9:30 a.m. (PROMPTLY)

SUBMISSION: **November 15, 2010 4:00 pm**
 Frederick Douglass National Historic Site
 1411 W. Street, S.E.
 Washington, D.C. 20020

Please contact the site with questions and concerns at 202-426-5961.

Frederick Douglass National Historic Site Oratorical Contest Rules

- The contest is open to students in the United States in grades 1- 12.
- Each school will be limited to bring a maximum of 12 students with no more than 3 students from each grade level, plus alternates.
- All alternates must be identified at the beginning of the contest. Alternates perform in place of a contestant, not in addition to the school's contestants.
- Contestants are expected to compete in one of the four divisions:

Elementary (grades 1-3)	1-3 minutes
Junior (grades 4-5)	2- 5 minutes
Junior High (grades 6-8)	5-8 minutes
Senior High (grades 9-12)	6 -12 minutes

- Time begins when contestants begin speaking. Time includes introduction.
- 1 point deduction will be taken for every 30 seconds or fraction of time over or under the time limit.
- During the contest, the contestant may request a 30 second timeout for a penalty of 2.5 points to regain composure or recover part of his/her speech.
- In the event that a contestant may forget part of his or her speech for an extended period of time during the contest. The contestant has up to the maximum time limit of each category to recall the speech. After which, if the student has not made any attempt to revive speech. The contestant will be judge on the performance given.
- The use of props and costumes is permitted. Students are permitted to dress up in costume appropriate to the time period or the role. Students are also allowed the limited use of props in their presentation.
- This is not a dramatic presentation. This is an oratorical contest and the presenters must emulate the art of oratory and not drama. This is a speech competition. The emphasis of the contest is on the delivery, accuracy and emotional appeal to the audience. Contestants **may not** act out their speech, for example (recreate the scene of Frederick Douglass' escape and/ or bring furniture or set pieces to make the stage look like a specific environment.)
- A contestant who reads their speech from note cards, paper, etc...will be disqualified

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- The logo for the Frederick Douglass Oratorical Contest is a circular emblem. At the top, the name "FREDERICK DOUGLASS" is written in an arc. In the center is a silhouette of Frederick Douglass's head and shoulders, facing right. At the bottom, the words "ORATORICAL CONTEST" are written in an arc. The background of the logo is light gray.
- Contestants must be accompanied by an adult chaperone, parent, teacher, or principal.
 - Contestants, parents and chaperones are expected to be respectful of other contestants and conduct themselves professionally. All contestants and chaperones are expected to represent the morals and values of Frederick Douglass and act accordingly. Any contestant or chaperone that willfully and maliciously harasses, intimidates, and/or disrespects fellow contestants; chaperones, or contest officials will be disqualified.
 - Contestants will be disqualified from contest if they, their parents, guardians, teachers, or chaperones violate this stipulation.
 - Contestants must be on time. Failure to arrive within fifteen minutes of the appointment or contacting the site in anticipation of a late arrival will result in disqualification.
 - Contestants' supporters may videotape competition. Personal videos **may not** be used to dispute or challenge judges' rulings.
 - The National Park Service will determine when and how the winners will be notified.
 - All judges' rulings are final.
 - National Park Service retains the right to amend the rules without notice.

**Frederick Douglass National Historic Site
Annual Oratorical Contest
Entry Form**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Name _____ (male / female) Age _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____ Phone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred point of contact: Parent Teacher

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Email: _____

School _____

School Address _____

School Telephone _____

Teacher Name _____

Email _____

Title of Speech and Source _____

Appointment preference:

<input type="checkbox"/> Thurs. Dec. 9, 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Fri. Dec. 10, 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat. Dec. 11, 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM

Please submit completed form and any attachments by:

Friday, November 15, 2010 4:00 pm

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**LATE, FAXED, & INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Please remember to attach a copy of your speech to this application.**