

## **ABERTA MARCH FOR LIFE ASSOCIATION**

### **RESPECT-LIFE ORATORICAL CONTEST AWARD**

Theme: **“Respect for Life; Omnibus Bill C150 adopted in 1969. The effect on the unborn.”**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. The contest is open to all boys and girls registered in and attending grades 10, 11, or 12 in a high school program in Alberta.
2. Each speaker shall prepare his or her own oration. However, the speaker may obtain advice in the preparation and may make changes and improvements to the oration at any time.
3. All competitors will provide a typed copy of their orations to the Oratorical Chairman before March 14, 2019. The finalist will present there essay in a competition at the finals. No other competitor will be permitted to see these orations until the competition is over. 15 finalists will be selected and contacted.
4. The Alberta March for Life Association reserves the right to edit, record, and publish any oration without remuneration to the speaker.
5. A speaker's oration must present a viewpoint that supports and is consistent with the practices and teachings of the Christian Churches.

#### **CONTEST RULES**

1. The oration will be delivered in English.
2. Any quotation or copyrighted material used in the oration must be identified with the original author's name. The contestant shall be fully responsible for the use of any such material and the Alberta March for Life Association shall not assume any responsibility therefore. Failure to identify non-original material may result in disqualification.
3. The official oratorical subject is "Respect for Life; Omnibus Bill C150 adopted in 1969. The effect on the unborn." Contestants have the choice to deliver a general treatment of this theme or to focus on one or more social or moral issues related to the theme.
4. Contestants whose oration is not related to the theme "Respect for Life; Omnibus Bill C150 adopted in 1969. The effect on the unborn." shall be disqualified.
5. Contestants shall state the official theme ("Respect for Life; Omnibus Bill C150 adopted in 1969. The effect on the unborn.") and, if appropriate, the specific issue they

have chosen, before they begin the oration. The timekeeper will assess a five (5) point penalty for failure to state the official subject.

6. The use of props, costumes or prompters is not permitted. The penalty is disqualification.
7. A lectern microphone will be available at the finals and may be used, if desired.
8. No reference may be made in an oration that identifies the school, specific geographical location or political area from which the speaker comes. The maximum penalty will be five (5) points as decided by each judge independently.
9. The contest chairman shall conduct a draw for order of speaking.
10. Contestants will be introduced for their speeches by their assigned code numbers (e.g. Speaker #12).
11. The time allowed for an oration will be a maximum of eight (8) minutes. There is no minimum time. Contestants going over the time limit will not be cautioned. There will be a penalty on one (1) point for each 15 seconds or fraction thereof over the time limit. This penalty will be determined by the timekeeper and brought to the notice of judges at the end of that round of competition.
12. Timing will begin immediately after the official subject is stated. Any greetings to clergy, audience judges, guests, etc. should be made prior to announcing the official subject. Timing will stop when the contestant finishes the oration.
13. Any protest in the conduct of the contest must be made immediately after the condition is noted which brings about the protest. Protests received after the judges and the timekeeper have retired for deliberation will not be accepted under any circumstances. The contest chairman will resolve all protests in accordance with these rules and his decision shall be final.

#### Alberta March for Life Association AWARDS SCORING OF ORATIONS

Scoring in the finals will be based on the following guidelines.

1. CONTENT..... 70 points
  - a) Speech Development.....20 points
  - b) Effectiveness - achievement of purpose, interest, reception .....25 points
  - c) Speech Value - ideas, logic, original thought.....25 points
2. DELIVERY..... 20 points
  - a) Physical - appearance, body language.....7 points
  - b) Voice - flexibility, volume .....7 points
  - c) Manner - directness, assurance, enthusiasm.....6 points
3. LANGUAGE ..... 10 points
  - a) Correctness - grammar, word selection, pronunciation.....10 points

## PENALTIES

1. Failure to announce the official subject - see Rule II. 5
2. Use of props, costumes, etc. see Rule II. 6
3. Exceeding the time limit - see Rule II. 11
4. Self-identification - see Rule II. 8
5. Failure to identify non-original material - see Rule II.

## 2. AWARDS

### 1. PROVINCIAL CONTEST

a) First place • a suitably engraved plaque • a cash prize of \$500.00 • a trip for two for people outside of greater Edmonton area (contestant accompanied by one parent or other adult) to the Alberta March for Life rally. The winner will present his or her essay in front of the Legislature.

b) Second Place • a cash prize of \$200.00. The second place winner will present his or her essay at the fundraising dinner on April 6, 2018. All participants will receive a certificate in recognition of the competition.

WELCOME TO OUR COMPETITION!

**Mail your essay to:**

**Alberta March for Life**

**Essay contest 2019**

P.O. Box 4004

Edmonton Ab T6E 4S8

Or Emailed to [albertamarchforlife@gmail.com](mailto:albertamarchforlife@gmail.com)

We need your name, address and phone number on a separate sheet accompanying your essay to contact all participants.

**Remember all essay must be received by March 14, 2019.**

A panel of judges will sit and review each essays received. Using the rules above, they will bring the list down to a number of selected 15 finalists. This should be done on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 1pm until the list is down to the number of finalist required. The 15 finalists will then be contacted to deliver their oratory speeches to the judges the following Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The two champions will be announced after the competition and will confirmed their participation to both events as per the program.

The judges will be selected from our association. In addition to possibly one from the Back Porch, The Wilberforce Project and The Knights of Columbus if available.

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