



January 11, 2013

To: Dr. Frederickson
Wicomico County Board of Education

Thank you for your continued support of the Eastern Shore Local Department of Education of the IBPOElks of the World.

I have enclosed an application, poster, and the topics for the 2013 Oratorical Contest.

1. Students who are interest should complete the application as soon as possible or no later than March 15, 2013 and return it to:

Fred Martin, Jr.
8262 Memory Gardens Lane
Hebron, MD 21830

2. Begin writing their speech so they will be ready for the Eastern Shore Local Contest on Sunday April 7, 2013 in Cambridge, MD.
3. We will schedule a meeting with the students and their parents/guardian to go over the rules of this contest and those leading to the National Contest.
4. Speeches must be their own research, no plagiarism and no copying of other speeches; and no props or singing allowed.
5. Oration is 6-10 minutes, (no less than 6 and no more than 10 or penalties apply)

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact:

Sandra K. Martin – 443-235-8875 or Fred Martin, Jr. 443-235-8876 or email:
martinspc4@comcast.net

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STUDENTS ABOUT THE ELKS 2013 SCHOLARSHIP

TO: HIGH SCHOOLS DRAMA/SPEECH/ENGLISH INSTRUCTORS/GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

FROM: The Local Elk Lodge and Temple Department of Education
Of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World

Local Elk Point of Contact: _____ Phone _____

Subject: THE ELKS ORATORICAL CONTEST ◇ \$10,000.00 Scholarship

This is an invitation for any high school student (junior or senior) to participate in our Annual Oratorical Contest.

Participants must perform four (4) simple steps listed below.

- (1) The student must submit an application and prepare a speech for not less than 6 minutes or more than 10 minutes and it must be memorized.**
- (2) The student must write and present a speech based on one of the five (5) Official Topics for all Elks Oratorical Contest identified for Year 2013.**
- (3) The content must be original and should exemplify evidence of research of the speech subject matter.**
- (4) The student who wins the contest must participate in the succeeding level(s) of competition advancing to the National Contest.**

THE WINNER OF THE LOCAL, DISTRICT, AND / OR MULTI-STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST WILL RECEIVE PRIZES AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF COMPETITION TO WIN THE COVENANT ELKS' SCHOLARSHIP.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTIONS:

- **The Local Contest Winner will receive a certificate, trophy, and / or cash prize.**
 - **The District and/or Multi-State Contest Winner will receive a certificate, trophy and/or cash prize. *(If applicable)***
 - **The STATE ASSOCIATION CONTEST Winners will receive a \$1,500.00 Elks' Scholarship**
 - **The REGIONAL CONTEST Winners will receive an additional \$1,000.00 Elks' Scholarship**
 - **The NATIONAL CONTEST Winner will receive an additional \$7,500.00 Elks' Scholarship**
- With The Total Aforementioned Awards Creating the*

Grand Sum Total of (ten thousand dollars) \$10,000.00 ELKS' SCHOLARSHIP

THE ELKS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World

Presents

The 2013 ORATORICAL CONTEST

An International Oratorical Competition that is conducted annually in the areas of our Elk Lodges & Temples, Districts, State Association, Regions, and Grand Lodge Convention for all High School Juniors & Seniors.

**The Elks College Scholarships Award Annually up to \$10,000.00
to the Grand Lodge Contest National Winner.**

COMPETING CONTESTANTS MUST CHOOSE ONE OF THE FIVE ORATORICAL TOPICS FOR 2013

1. **Trayvon Martin vs. George Zimmerman: Victim or Criminal**
(Synopsis:
Who is the criminal? Who is the victim? Trayvon Martin or George Zimmerman)
2. **What does "We are an Equal Opportunity Employer" really mean for me?**
3. **Economic Status of Black Business Today** and a current Assessment of them.
(Synopsis: *Black Entrepreneurship - distant memory or present reality?*)
4. **Should Elected Officials continue passing New Civil Rights Legislation**
or strengthen the application of those already on the books?
5. **Should the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Investigate Stand Your Ground
Laws?**
(Synopsis:
Could the Law be a legitimate expansion of the doctrine of self-defense?)

ELKS ORATORICAL CONTEST APPLICATION

I.B.P.O. Elks of the World

Contest Year: _____	Please Type or Print All Required Information Requested		
Full Name of Contestant		Date of Birth	
Mailing Address			
City & State	Zip Code	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Home Telephone (with area code)	Social Security Number		
Name of High School		Grade	
School Address			
City & State	Zip Code	Telephone Number	
Name of Parents or Guardians		Telephone Number	
Address			
City & State		Zip Code	
Career Goals			
Name of College or University That You Plan to Enroll and Attend			
Name		Address	
City & State		Zip Code	
Additional Remarks, If Any			
<p>I, the undersigned applicant, do hereby certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Signature of Applicant - Contestant</p>			

**This form is to be completed at the Local level.
A copy of this form is to remain with the Local Education Committee for future reference.**

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