

# General Conference Grand Chapters (GCGChapters) 2015 Black History Oratory Contest Rules

## 1. How to Enter the Contest:

- (a) The GCGChapters 2015 Black History Oratory Contest will be conducted so that one young man from each participating Jurisdiction will have a chance to participate. Each participating Jurisdiction must submit their one video entry beginning on **Monday, April 6, 2015** and received by **Thursday, April 30, 2015**. This Contest is sponsored by the General Conference Grand Chapters, Holy Royal Arch Masons, U.S.A. and Bahamas, Inc., Prince Hall Affiliation. The contest is funded by a contribution of \$50 from each Jurisdiction in the GCGChapters.
- (b) The GCGChapters 2015 Black History Oratory Contest is open to male students in grades 9-12 residing in Holy Royal Arch Masons Jurisdictions affiliated with GCGChapters. Participants must have the approval of parent or legal guardian.

To participate in the contest, entrant will provide a video of an original essay of three (3) minutes or less on the topic "Success is to be measured not so much by position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." [Author: Booker T. Washington] and what it means to them.

Entrants must fill out the attached application form, scan it (must have signatures), and submit it and their oratorical video to the Holy Royal Arch Mason Grand Chapter in the Jurisdiction they live. The Holy Royal Arch Grand Chapter will decide which video they will submit to the GCGChapters to be in the finals. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest or his designated Representative will be the only one that can submit their Jurisdictions entry to the GCGChapters. Any entry not submitted by the MEGHP or his Representative will be disqualified. The finalists do not have to be in attendance at the presentation of the winners. The application and essay must be emailed to: [gcgcoratorycontest@comcast.net](mailto:gcgcoratorycontest@comcast.net)

All entries must be received between Monday, April 6, 2015 and Thursday, April 30, 2015.

- 2. Prizes: First Place prize is a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond; Second Place prize is a \$300 U.S. Savings Bond; Third, Fourth and Fifth Place prize is a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond.

## 3. Selection of Winners:

- (a) All essays received will be judged 50% on relevance to the theme, 40% on creativity, and 10% on compliance with these rules (e.g. does essay contain an opening thesis supported by examples and a conclusion.) Judges, will be comprised of representatives of the GCGC and educational scholars. Finalists, will be notified by the Holy Royal Arch Masons Grand Chapter Jurisdiction who selected them.
- (b) In the event of a tie, the essays with the same score will be re-judged on the same criteria.

- 4. Failure to comply with the contest rules will result in a contestant's disqualification. Questions about the GCGChapters 2015 Black History Oratory Contest can be emailed to: [gcgcoratorycontest@comcast.net](mailto:gcgcoratorycontest@comcast.net)

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APPLICATION FORM

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of  
Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Each entrant must have this completed application scanned and emailed with videoed essay.  
Please send your essay of no more than three (3) minutes to:**

Sponsoring Grand Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring MEGHP or Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail of MEGHP or Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Each GCGChapter MEGHP or his Representative must send this application and emailed recorded  
essay of no more than three (3) minutes to:**

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