

# CONTEST CATEGORIES INFORMATION

## ORIGINAL SPOKEN WORD/POETRY

- Contestants in this category must write and perform an original spoken word or poem that addresses the stated overall theme, *“Impacting the Community for Positive Change”*.
- **The original spoken word or poem must be no more than seven minutes in length and memorized.**
- The contestant must make an introductory statement at the start of the presentation explaining why the particular piece was chosen to reflect the overall theme.
- While the introductory statement will not be counted as part of the presentation time, it will be judged.
- The piece must be recited at the culminating event on **Saturday, April 27, 2019 at The Renaissance Academy (5100 Cleveland Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462) beginning at 12:00 p.m.**
- Entries in this category will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  - Presentation of the overall theme
  - Originality
  - Pronunciation
  - Presence and style of presentation and
  - Artistic interpretation
- The original spoken word or poem and Presentation Submission Form must be mailed to: **Mrs. Yvonne B. Jones, 2613 Mossgate Court, Chesapeake, VA 23323**, and postmarked no later than Saturday, March 16, 2019.
- Receipt of all submissions will be acknowledged, then screened by the selection committee to determine which entries will be chosen for participation in the contest.
- **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

## ORATORY

- Contestants of the oratory contest must select a speech or other oration to perform that may or may not be written by the entrant and addresses the overall theme, *“Impacting the Community for Positive Change”*.
- **All oratorical pieces must be no more than seven minutes in length.**
- The contestant must make an introductory statement at the start of the presentation explaining why the particular piece was chosen to reflect the overall theme.
- While the introductory statement will not be counted as part of the presentation time, it will be judged.
- The piece must be recited at the culminating event **Saturday, April 27, 2019 at The Renaissance Academy (5100 Cleveland Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462) beginning at 12:00 p.m.**
- Entries in this category will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  - Best presentation of the overall theme
  - Pronunciation
  - Presence and style of presentation and
  - Artistic interpretation
- The oratorical piece and Presentation Submission Form must be mailed to: **Mrs. Yvonne B. Jones, 2613 Mossgate Court, Chesapeake, VA 23323**, and postmarked no later than Saturday, March 16, 2019.
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