

Oratory Competition

For Union Parish youth ages 13 - 21

“The Words of President John F. Kennedy”



**OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

**Saturday, November 11, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Union Museum of History and Art
211 N. Main St., Farmerville**

Must be resident of Union Parish --- may attend any school or be homeschooled

Age Divisions: 13 to 16, 17 to 21

Judges:

Megan Smith, Louisiana Tech University, Debate Coach, School of Communication

Dr. Judith Roberts, Louisiana Tech University Associate Professor of Communication & Media Studies

Michael LeBlanc, Louisiana Tech University Instructor, Communication & Media Studies

Prizes in each age division:

\$500 first place scholarship

\$250 second place scholarship

Pre-register at unionmuseum@gmail.com no later than Nov. 10, 2023

Time limit: 10 minutes maximum

Source: Choose from John F. Kennedy speeches at <https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/about-jfk/historic-speeches>

See reverse side for complete rules & signup form

ORATORY COMPETITION FEATURING SPEECHES BY JOHN F. KENNEDY

Saturday, November 11, 1:00 p.m.
Union Museum of History and Art – Discovery Place
211 N. Main Street, Farmerville, LA
318-982-8020

Open to youth ages 13-21 who are **Union Parish residents**

Two age divisions: ages 13-16, and ages 17-21

Prizes: \$500 scholarship for first place winners; \$250 scholarship for second place winners

Pre-register at unionmuseum@gmail.com or mail to museum (see entry form below) by Nov. 10

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RULES:

- Each participant will have **10 minutes** to deliver one of the John F. Kennedy speeches found on this website: <https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/about-jfk/historic-speeches>
- Speech should be edited to fit the 10 minute time limit. Going over the time limit is grounds for point deductions. Speaking for significantly under 10 minutes is also grounds for point deductions.
- Speech may be read from a script (memorization is not necessary). It is customary that contestants prioritize eye contact with the audience and judges during the speech. Contestants should use appropriate tone (pitch, volume variation, and rate). Contestants should pay attention to nonverbal communication (posture, hand movements, and feet movements) and exhibit confidence and preparedness.
- Judging parameters:
 - Contestants will be assessed on content and delivery
 - Judges will award points for each speaker and thereby rank the speakers: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, etc.
 - No ties will be awarded. A score of 25 denotes a perfect performance; scores lower than 10 denote much improvement needed.

ENTRY FORM – Oratory Competition, Nov. 11, 2023

Submit by Nov. 10, 2023 to Union Museum of History & Art, 211 N. Main St., Farmerville, LA 71241

Entrant's name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

School _____

Age on Nov. 11, 2023 _____

Parent's name and signature (for entrants age 17 and under)

Print name

Signature