



## **2019 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL COMPETITION**

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the contest is to allow students the opportunity to verbally express themselves using Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy.

### **THEMES:**

Grades 6-8 – **“At the Center of it All (*Hope, Love or Peace*)”**

*NOTE: Contestants can focus on any one of the above or all three.*

Grades 9-12 – **“Continuing the Journey”**

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

Students must attend a Nash-Rocky Mount school or live in the city limits of Rocky Mount and/or attend a school in the city of Rocky Mount.

### **RULES AND GUIDELINES:**

1. The speech should clearly reflect the theme's message
2. The speech should have an introduction, body and conclusion
3. Be very familiar with speech; do not totally rely on notes
4. It must be typed on (8 ½ x 11) white paper
5. Contestants' names should appear on the cover sheet, along with the theme's title
6. All contestants should be present for rehearsal/orientation in order to participate in the competition

### **TIME LIMIT:**

Speeches will be limited to three (3) minutes

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Deadline for Entry Forms: **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.**
- Rehearsal/Orientation: **Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.** on the third floor of City Hall in the Council Chamber
- Oratorical Competition – **Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Imperial Centre – 270 Gay Street – Downtown Rocky Mount

**NOTE: Applications should be returned to:**  
**City of Rocky Mount**  
**Human Relations Department**  
**P.O. Box 1180**  
**Rocky Mount, NC 27802**

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