



ROCKY MOUNT
HUMAN RELATIONS
THE CENTER OF IT ALL

**2023 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 – **“The Time is Right to do What is Right”**

Grades 9-12 – **“The Time Is Right”**

PARTICIPANTS:

Students must attend a Nash County 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 to participate in the competition

TIME LIMIT:

Speeches will be limited to three (3) minutes

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Deadline for Entry Forms: **Tuesday, January 3, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.**
- Rehearsal/Orientation: **Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** City Hall Council Chambers, third floor
- Oratorical Competition: **Saturday, January 7, 2023 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**

**For additional information, please contact Archie Jones at (252) 972-1180 or
archie.jones@rockymountnc.gov. Fax (252) 972-1554**

“Thirty-five years of building today, a better tomorrow for ourselves, our communities, and our world”