



Oratory Contest Rules & Requirements

1. Students must be high school juniors and seniors to be eligible to compete.
 - Non-traditional students and homeschooled students must be recognized by their schools as a junior or senior.
2. Contestants must research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, or stem cell research. The speech should address one of these directly.
3. The speech must be five to seven minutes in length. If a speech times out under four minutes or over eight minutes a contestant will be disqualified.
4. The use of props is not permitted.
5. Minor corrections or adjusting time of a speech is encouraged, but speech content may not be significantly changed as a contestant advances.
6. The contestant should use factual, up-to-date information.
7. A dramatic presentation is not acceptable. This is defined as anything that would be performed, acting as another thing or person, such as an unborn baby.
8. Quotes to support a position or statement are appropriate, but they may not dominate the speech and must be appropriately cited.
9. Contestants may use notes.
10. Microphones will not be allowed.
11. Contestants are judged in four areas: introduction, content, presentation and conclusion.
12. Contestants are given a score of 1-10 (10 being the best) in each category. The scores are then added together (40 being perfect).
13. The judges' decisions will be final.