

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST



All 9th thru 12th Grade Students

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, November 21, 2025

SUBMISSIONS: Submit participating student's name, school, cell phone and email address to Angela Burnett at angelad.burnett@hotmail.com.

Contestants will render the "I Have A Dream Speech...." at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa on Friday, December 10, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00pm in the North Hall 150.

The speech must be memorized (Notes are not allowed to be used during the performance).

CASH AWARDS: 1st Place \$1,000 2nd Place \$500 3rd Place \$350

Previous 1st place contest winners are ineligible.

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SPEECH: "I Have a Dream": Quality of the performance will be judged based upon . . .

I. Enunciation

- A. Diction
- B. Clarity

II. Voice Quality

- A. Tone
- B. Pitch

III. Delivery

- A. Emphasis
- B. Feeling

IV. Stage Presence

- A. Eye contact
- B. Relaxed manner

V. Memorization

<https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkhaveadream.htm>

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