

WJZ 13

**Enoch Pratt Free Library, Sojourner-Douglass College,
GEICO, Toyota Financial Services & Reginald F. Lewis
Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture**

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2011 Black History Oratory Contest

APPLICATION FORM (Please Print)

Student's Name _____ Age _____
(Print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-Mail _____

Grade _____ School _____

Winners will be notified by WJZ-TV

All entries become the sole property of WJZ-TV and will not be returned.
Entries may be used at WJZ-TV's discretion for on-air and off-air
publicity and promotion of the Black History Month Oratory Contest.

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Toyota Financial Services and Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland
African American History & Culture and their families or
persons living in the same household are not eligible to enter the contest.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of
Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT: Each entry must have this application attached.
Please send your typed, double-spaced, 600 word or less essay to:

2011 Black History Oratory Contest

c/o WJZ-TV

3725 Malden Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21211

All entries must be received by **January 31, 2011**

fax: 410-578-7502 email: otrados@wjz.com

Semi-finalists will present their memorized essays before the judges and audience on
Sunday, February 20, 2011 at 1pm at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African
American History and Culture, 830 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD (Snow date March 13, 2011).



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No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to enter or win. The contest is void where prohibited by law

1. How to Enter the Contest:

- (a) The contest will begin on January 1, 2011 and end on January 31, 2011 at 11:59pm.
- (b) To participate in the contest, entrant will choose one of three quotes and express in an original essay of 600 words or less, typed and doubled spaced, what it means to them. Entrant must fill out an application form available at WJZ 13, 3725 Malden Avenue, Baltimore, Md 21211; or at WJZ.COM, and mail it along with the essay to:

**2011 Black History Oratory Contest, WJZ 13,
3725 Malden Avenue, Baltimore, Md 21211**

One entry per person.

Essay must contain an opening thesis supported by examples and a conclusion.

Eligible quotes:

"Greatness is not measured by what a man or woman accomplishes, but by the opposition he or she has overcome to reach his goals."

- Dr. Dorothy Height

"I was raised to believe that there are no stumbling blocks in life, only stepping stones."

- CBS News Correspondent Byron Pitts (Step Out on Nothing)

"One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential."

- Maya Angelou

(c) Contest sponsors are not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, damaged, stolen, postage due, incomplete or illegible entries. Sponsor is not responsible for technical or computer failures, errors or data loss of any kind, lost or unavailable Internet connections, or failed, incomplete, garbled or deleted computer or network transmissions, which may limit the ability to play or participate in the contest. If, for any reason, the Contest is not capable of running as planned, including tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of sponsor which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Contest, Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that tampers with the operation of the Contest or violates the Official Rules of the Contest.

(d) Odds of winning depend on number of eligible entries.

2. Eligibility Restrictions:

(a) The contest is open to Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware residents who are students in grades 9-12. Minors must have approval of parent or legal guardian. Employees of WJZ 13, CBS Corporation, sponsors, other television and radio stations in the Baltimore market, and their affiliates, subsidiaries and advertising agencies and their immediate family members or persons living in the same household are ineligible to participate or win. Prior Black History Oratory Contest winners are ineligible.



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(b) Viewers are eligible to win a WJZ 13 contest only once every sixty days. Only one winner per household is permitted in any contest.

(c) Viewers are eligible to win a prize valued at \$600.00 or more only once every six months.

(d) All entries become the sole property of WJZ 13 and will not be returned.

By entering, entrants agree to abide by these rules, and warrant and represent that their entry is their original work. Contestants are required to provide truthful information and the Station will reject and delete any entry that it discovers to be false or fraudulent. The Station will disqualify any entry from individuals who do not meet the eligibility requirements, and the Station will also delete any entry received from persons under the age of 13.

(e) Entry must be typed and doubled spaced and be no more than 600 words.

Semi-finalists' essays must be memorized and presented orally between 2-3 minutes.

3. Prizes:

(a) From WJZ: \$300 First Place prize, \$200 Second Place prize, \$100 Third Place prize.

(b) From Toyota Financial Services: \$1000 First Place Scholarship, \$500 Second Place Scholarship \$250 Third Place Scholarship

All semi-finalists receive certificates.

(c) All prizes or prize certificates may be picked up at the office of WJZ 13, 3725 Malden Avenue, Baltimore Md 21211.

Any prize or prize certificate not claimed within forty-five days of winning will be forfeited by the winner.

In the event that a prize or prize certificate is mailed to the winner, it will be with the prior written consent of the winner and therefore, winner assumes the risk of its arrival.

WJZ 13 is not responsible for the safe arrival of a prize or prize certificate.

(d) Contest prizes are not transferable. Prizes may not be substituted for or redeemed for cash. WJZ 13 reserves the right to substitute prize of comparable value.

4. Selection of Winners:

(a) Decisions of contest sponsors with respect to the contest are final.

(b) All essays received will be judged 50% on relevance to the theme, 40% on creativity, and 10% on compliance with these rules

(e.g. does Essay contain an opening thesis supported by examples and a conclusion).

Judges, comprised of representatives from WJZ and sponsors, will select up to 20 Semi-finalists based on this judging to make oral presentations.

Semi-finalists will be notified by mail, e-mail or telephone.

In the event of a tie, the essays with the same score will be re-judged on the same criteria.

(c) **Semi-finalists will present their memorized essays before the judges and audience on Sunday, February 20, 2011 at 1pm at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture, 830 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD (Snow date March 13, 2011).**

Judges will review presentations based on the above categories 20% creativity,

20% relevance to the theme, 10% compliance to these rules, plus 50% delivery of speech.

In the event of a tie, the presentations with the same score will be re-judged on the same criteria.

5. Conditions:

(a) Payment of all federal, state and local taxes are the sole responsibility of the winner and winners may receive an IRS Form 1099 or equivalent from WJZ 13.

(b) By participating in the contest, the winners (or, in the case of a minor, their parent/legal guardian) agree to have their name, voice, or likeness used in any advertising or broadcasting material relating to this contest, and to sign a publicity release, affidavit of eligibility and release of liability prior to acceptance of the prize.

If a prizewinner is a minor, prize may be awarded to the minor's parent or legal guardian. By accepting the prize, each winner grants to WJZ 13 the right to use the winner's name, voice, picture and/or likeness for purposes of advertising and publicity in any and all media now known or hereafter invented, without further permission or additional compensation (except where prohibited by law).

All expenses on receipt and use of prize, and all federal, state and local taxes, are the sole responsibility of winner.

Winners, by acceptance of their prizes, agree to release WJZ 13, CBS, their respective parents and subsidiaries, and their respective advertising, promotion and production agencies from any and all liability, claims or actions of any kind whatsoever for injuries, damages or losses to persons and property which may be sustained in connection with the receipt, ownership or use of the prize or while preparing for, participating in, and/or traveling to any prize-related activity.

6. Contest sponsors reserve the right to make changes in the rules of the contest which will become effective upon announcement.
7. Sponsor is not responsible for any typographical or other errors in the printing, the offering or the administration of the contest or in the announcement of the prize.
8. Failure to comply with the contest rules may result in a contestant's disqualification.
9. To obtain a copy of the official rules and/or winners, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope by February 25, 2011 to:

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Television Hill
3725 Malden Avenue
Baltimore, Md 21211



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