

## ORATORICAL CONTEST

Please follow instructions from your district administrator on submitting an entry for your district oratory contest. You may need to submit a recording before the contest begins.

### OFFICIAL RULES

- A. The subject for all orations will be determined ahead of time and distributed to clubs via email and news stories on [keyclub.org](http://keyclub.org).
- B. The first-place orator from each Key Club district will be eligible to compete in the International Oratorical Contest. A video is required in the entry form for international competition. If a district does not hold a contest to determine its first-place orator, the district may select an orator by other means and certify them with the district administrator's signature. Orators located within a non-districted area should email the entry form and a video of their speeches to Key Club International, [keyclubinfo@kiwanis.org](mailto:keyclubinfo@kiwanis.org), to enter the competition.
- C. The content and presentation of the oration must be original and completely developed by each orator. Content and presentation will be considered equally in judging.
- D. Each orator will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for their presentation. Exceeding the time limit by 10 seconds or more will result in a penalty unless extenuating circumstances exist.
- E. Video submissions must be continuously filmed; separate clips edited together are not permitted.
- F. Each orator must be a member of a Key Club in good standing with Key Club International.
- G. Judging and awarding points will be based on the following criteria:

<b>Content: 50 points total</b>	
Clarity of message and projection of ideas	25 points 2024 15 points 2025
Structure, grammar, transitions and flow	15 points
Depth	5 points
Originality	5 pts. 2024 15 pts. 2025
<b>Presentation: 50 points total</b>	
Presence, posture, gestures and ability to engage the audience	15 points
Voice, tone, diction, effectiveness and pronunciation	15 points
Ease of presentation and intimacy with the audience	15 points
Attention to the audience	5 points

- H. Prior to the Key Club International convention in July, elimination trials will be held among each district's winning video submission. By the first Friday in June, the Key Club International Board will select no more than three orators to appear before the entire convention. The top three orators will be invited to present their speech live during the international convention.
- I. Oratory finalists will receive suitable awards and recognition for their excellence in public speaking.
- J. Winning orations in written and electronic form (video) will become the property of Key Club International. Key Club International reserves the right to publish winning orations in any medium, providing appropriate credit to the orator.
- K. The decision of the judges is final, and no changes, alterations or regrading will take place after the results have been certified by the judges of this contest.