

**CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
**Northern Mississippi Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction State Headquarters 368**  
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**Rules For Oratorical Scholarship Contest**

- 1) The subject of which each contestant will speak is **“What continual practices can the church implement to retain, motivate and encourage youth to engage in Church Ministry.”**
- 2) Contestant must be a 12 -21years old student currently enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade or college.
- 3) Contestant must be a member of a church within Northern Mississippi Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ.
- 4) The “Address” must be at least three (3) minutes long and not more than five (5) minutes long.
- 5) The “Address” must be committed to memory. **ABSOLUTELY NO NOTES ALLOWED!**
- 6) Contestants will be judged on the following points:
  - a. Posture
  - b. Deliverance
  - c. Pronunciation
  - d. Enunciation
  - e. Content
- 7) Contestants must use the following salutation: “State Chairman, Scholarship Committee, Platform Guest, Honorable Judges, Fellow Contestants, Ladies, and Gentlemen,”
- 8) Any person having won “First Place” in the Oratorical Scholarship Contest twice is ineligible to participate in the contest again.
- 9) Decision of the judges is final.
- 10) Scholarship Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$200. The winning proceeds will be mailed to school of recipients’ choice upon proof of registration.
- 11) **Scholarship application must be submitted by email (hjw47@yahoo.com), google form, or mail to State Temple, Deadline by May 31, 2023.**