

COLUMBUS AREA CHAPTER OF BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT

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Dear School Administrator, Counselors and Staff,

This is to inform you of our request to invite your students to participate in the Columbus Area Chapter of Blacks In Government (CACBIG) 2019 Oratorical Workshops and Competition. We appreciate your staff and you partnering with us to encourage our youth in grades 9 through 12 to take advantage of this opportunity to further their education and compete for scholarship awards.

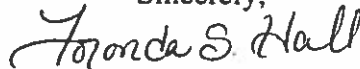
The attached document provides an overview of the program, student application and flyer for you to post for your students. We ask the school to appoint a point of contact who will collect all the applications and provide them to our point of contact by the due date. CACBIG would like to collect all applications by **February 8, 2019**. Applicants and parents will be contacted to attend an informational meeting on **February 16, 2019, at the Whitehall Branch Public Library, 4445 E Broad St, Columbus, Ohio 43213, from 1:00pm to 3:30pm**. This meeting will cover in detail what is required to include Saturday schedules, training sessions and rehearsals, and competition.

A students' participation in this program will provide training in communication skills and gives the youth public speaking experience. The theme for the 2019 oratorical competition is **"Justice for all...Is American Justice Blind or Oblivious to Certain Youth Populations?"**

We look forward to working with you and your staff, your student participants who will represent their school, and parents. The CACBIG point of contact is Ms. Josephine Bates, 614-769-7244, oratorical@cacbig.org.

Thank you again and thank you for thinking BIG.

Sincerely,



Foronda Hall

President, Columbus Area Chapter of
Blacks In Government

"POWER OF THINKING BIG!"

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**Application for 2019 BIG
Oratorical Competition**

(Please print clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Grade _____

School _____

Teacher/Sponsor _____

Columbus Area Chapter

Representative:

Ms. Josephine Bates

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Blacks In Government (BIG) is a national response to the need for African Americans in public service to organize around issues of mutual concern and to use their collective strength to address workplace and community concerns.

BIG's Goals are to promote equity in all aspects of American life, excellence in all we do, and opportunity for all Americans.

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**2019 ORATORICAL
STUDENT
COMPETITION**



**Theme: Justice for all... Is
American Justice Blind or
Oblivious to Certain Youth
Populations?**

What is the Purpose of the Oratorical Contest?

The purpose of the National Oratorical Program is to provide youth training in communication skills. The contest gives youth public speaking experience. The contest theme is: *"Justice for all. . . Is American Justice Blind or Oblivious to Certain Youth Populations?"*

AWARDS

Chapter Awards: Certificates of participation and chapter-determined awards will be presented for first, second, and third place winners.

Regional and National Awards: Winners will receive awards at the regional and national levels.

Regional first place winners will compete in the national competition at BIG's 2019 National Training Institute.

Section I--General Rules

1. The Blacks In Government Oratorical Contest is divided into three levels of competition—chapter, regional, and national.
2. Contestants must be in grades nine through twelve in good academic standing.
3. Contestants shall prepare orations on the designated topic.
4. Birth certificates and a typed copy of the presentation must be presented to the Regional and National Chairs prior to the competition.
5. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the speech must be identified properly.
6. BIG reserves the right to edit, publish, and record any oration entered into the contest without payment to the author.
7. The National first place winner is ineligible for future contests.

8. All contestants receive a certificate of participation.

Section II--Contest Rules

1. Contestants draw numbers for order of presentation.
2. Do not state your name or any identifying data during the oration.
3. Presentations shall be not less than four minutes nor more than six minutes.
4. No pictures or other activities are allowed during an oration other than the official Blacks In Government photographer and videographer.
5. Protests must be made before the final scoring. The contest chair shall have the final ruling on all protests.