



December 28, 2018

Dear Educator:

WJZ along with the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Morgan State University, Toyota Financial Services and the Reginald F. Lewis sponsors an annual Black History Oratory Competition that is open to all Maryland students in grades 9-12.

I've included information on this year's competition in hopes that you will share the details with your students. Enclosed are the rules and application forms. Additional application forms and rules can be downloaded from www.WJZ.com in the contest section.

To enter the competition, students select from one of the three designated motivational quotes from Michelle Obama, Romare Bearden or Ray Lewis, and write an original essay. The essay and application form must be **received** by January 31, 2019 at 11:59pm. The application form and essay can either be mailed to: WJZ Black History Oratory Competition, 3725 Malden Avenue, Baltimore, Md., 21211 or emailed to sotradovec@wjz.com.

Twenty semi-finalists will be selected to present their memorized orations at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum on Sunday, February 24, 2019.

The Black History Oratory Competition top prizes are:

1st Place: \$700 cash & \$2,000 scholarship gift card

2nd Place: \$400 cash & \$1,000 scholarship gift card

3rd Place: \$200 cash & \$500 scholarship gift card

All semi-finalists receive certificates and gifts from our sponsors.

This is a wonderful way to showcase our young people - tomorrow's leaders.

If you have any questions or need more application forms, please call 410-578-7570 or email sotradovec@wjz.com.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Susan Otradovec
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