

3rd Annual Ivory Tillman Black History Speech Competition

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About the Program: February is dedicated as Black History Month. During this month, we honor the triumphs and struggles of famous African Americans. Notably, the history makers are highlighted because of their achievements during the civil rights movement and beyond. African Americans have made significant contributions to America and the rest of the world in the fields of science, politics, law, sports, the arts, entertainment, and many other fields.

While Black History Month is synonymous with prominent figures such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Muhammad Ali, Jackie Robinson, Langston Hughes, and Maya Angelou, there are countless other African Americans who have made a profound impact in history. For example, self-made millionaire Madam C.J. Walker, world-renowned sculptor Edmonia Lewis, carbon filament light bulb inventor Lewis Howard Latimer, open-heart surgeon Daniel Hale Williams, science-fiction writer Octavia E. Butler, and "Father of Black History" Carter G. Woodson, all made noteworthy impacts in our history.

Contest rules: To apply for the black history speech competition, the contestant must be a **Kindergarten thru 12th grade student enrolled in any school in Pulaski County, Arkansas**. The contestant's parent or guardian's signature is required.

Application open date: January 24, 2022

Deadline to register: February 21, 2022 by 5:00 pm

Question and Answer Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 pm *This session is open to contestants and parents. We will be available to assist with questions and the preparation of the speeches. A Zoom link will be sent once the application is received.

Competition Rules and Logistics

Topic/Person: Each contestant is free to select a famous African American of their choice. ***However, the contestant may NOT choose (Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr., Rosa Parks, or Harriett Tubman).** Contestants must think outside the normal history lesson and compose a biographical speech based on the life and legacy of an African American.

Length: Speeches must be at least 3 minutes maximum.

Speaking Note Cards: *Index cards or note cards may be used by elementary contestants **ONLY**. *Note cards are NOT allowed for middle and high school level contestants.*

Judging Criteria: Contestants will be judged on **1. Content 2. Organization 3. Creativity 4. Public Speaking/Clarity 5. Overall Effectiveness**

Contestants **must perform** the biographical speech in front of a panel of judges and other contestants as well as NAACP members. Content should be relevant and in good taste. All speeches must be the original work of the student. Contestants are encouraged to dress up and use props.

Grade Levels Classification:

1. K thru 2nd grades
2. 3rd thru 5th grades
3. 6th thru 8th grades
4. 9th thru 12th grades

For additional information contact Verlancia Tucker, Education Committee Chair at 501-777-8068.

Mail completed applications to: Verlancia Tucker, NAACP - Jacksonville Branch, P O Box 6444, Jacksonville, AR 72078 or email applications to educationcommittee.naacpjax@gmail.com.

3rd Annual Ivory Tillman Black History Speech Competition (Virtual

Edition) When: Saturday, February 26, 2022

Time: 3:00 pm CST

Location: Online via Zoom

Log in Time: All contestants must log into the Zoom link no later than 2:30 p.m.
This will allow time for troubleshooting and preparation for contestants and judges.

Prizes (awarded for each grade level classification):

- **1st place - \$100.00**
- **2nd place - \$ 50.00**
- **3rd place - \$ 25.00**

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Competition Application

NAACP

Jacksonville Branch

Due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022

Contestant Full name: _____ Age: _____

Parent(s)/guardian names: _____

Parent email address: _____

Home mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Cell number: _____

Contestant Email address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Famous African American (topic): _____

Contestant signature: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____