

**APPLICATION FOR 2021  
BIG ORATORICAL COM-  
PETITION**

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**School:**

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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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**BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT  
2021 ORATORICAL  
STUDENT COMPETITION**



**Theme:** *Are the U.S. Constitution and its 27 Amendments Relevant Today, or Should They be Rewritten for Tomorrow?*



## 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: *Are the U.S. Constitution and its 27 Amendments Relevant Today, or Should They be Rewritten for Tomorrow?*

## 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 2021 National Training Institute.



## SECTION I-- GENERAL RULES

The Blacks In Government Oratorical Contest is divided into three levels of competition--chapter, regional, and national.

Contestants must be in grades nine through twelve in good academic standing.

Contestants shall prepare orations on the designated topic.

Birth certificates and a typed copy of the presentation must be presented to the Regional and National Chairs prior to the competition.

Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the speech must be identified properly.

BIG reserves the right to edit, publish, and record any oration entered into the contest without payment to the author.

The National first place winner is ineligible for future contests.



## SECTION II--CONTEST RULES

Contestants draw numbers for order of presentation.

Do not state your name or any identifying data during the oration.

Presentations shall be not less than four minutes nor more than six minutes.

No pictures or other activities are allowed during an oration other than the official Blacks In Government photographer and videographer.

Protests must be made before the final scoring. The contest chair shall have the final ruling on all protests.