

**General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc.
Dr. Isiac Jackson, President
Young People's Department
Rev. Arthur Sutton, Executive Director**

State Thematic "EXPO" (Oratorical Contest)

General Description:

The State Thematic "Expo" will provide our young people an avenue to develop and enhance their communication skills. Public speaking and written communication are very important in their schools and their career fields. This event gives our young people an opportunity to write and express themselves creatively, thereby giving their opinion regarding the world in which we live pertaining to the theme "Envisioning the Future Exceptionally as We Equip Disciples for Christ" Proverbs 29:18; John 16:13; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:12,13; 2Timothy 3:16,17.

Rules Governing the Event:

1. Each District Association can have one representative per age category.
2. The District Youth Director should submit the name of participant(s) by June 30.
3. Each speaker will speak from the thematic topic, "Envisioning the Future Exceptionally as We Equip Disciples for Christ".
4. Each speaker will have a two-minute limit.
5. No props are to be used in the event. The speech must be memorized.

Age Categories:

Group 1 (age 10 - 12)
Group 2 (age 13 - 15)
Group 3 (age 16 - 18)

Judging Criteria:

. 10 pts	Scriptural Application
. 10 pts	Content
. 10 pts	Sticking to the Subject
. 10 pts	Organization
. 10 pts	Clarity of Speech
. 10 pts	Memorization
. 10 pts	Expression
. 10 pts	Delivery
. 10 pts	Stage Decorum
. 10 pts	Two minutes time limit

Awards:

We will have First, Second, and Third Place Awards in each of the age categories. All contestants will receive a Certificate of Participation. There are no losers. All of our contestants are winners as this is a wonderful training opportunity for all.

We thank God for all of your support and we pray for a mountain top experience in the Lord. Sincerely,

**Bro. James Todd
Chairperson of Oratorical Committee
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