

Oklahoma Malayalee Association



Rules and Guidelines for Elocution Competition

1. Language. Speech can be presented in English or Malayalam or English/Malayalam bilingual.
2. Subject. Category-wise subject for elocution will be intimated to all registered contestants on August 10, 2010, by email or by phone. If any contestant has not received the subject by 5:00 PM that day, they need to contact the President/Secretary or the Arts Coordinator. Contestants are requested to ensure their email/phone # is mentioned on the registration form and make sure the listed phone line is open during this time.
3. Timing. Maximum time is 3 minutes for Kids category and 5 minutes for all others. The contestant's name will be called out and the Talent Fest theme music played. Then a second call will be made. The contestant is expected to be on stage and start the speech at the end of second call. The time starts immediately after the second call. If the contestant doesn't turn up, a third call will be made. If still not on stage within 1 minute, contestant will be disqualified.
4. Judging Parameters. Each judge will award marks on a 10 point scale. The grading will be based on the following, on the order of priority :-
 - a) Introduction - 1 mark
 - a. Greeting
 - b. Opening
 - b) Knowledge - 4 marks
 - a. Portraying of subject
 - b. Depth
 - c. Uniqueness and novelty
 - d. Relevance in the current world
 - e. Message to the audience
 - c) Presentation - 3 marks
 - a. Appearance/Posture
 - b. Body Language
 - c. Clarity and flow
 - d. Eye contact
 - d) Conclusion - 2 marks
 - a. Effective summarizing / punch
 - b. Meeting the time limits
5. The decision of the judging panel will be final and binding by all contestants.