



S.O.L.D Conference Oratorical Scholarship Competition

WHEN: Friday, February 7, 2020

PURPOSE: To promote leadership development, technical writing and communication skills with public speaking, within the context of the theme. Afford each contestant an opportunity to earn a college scholarship and assist with financial need for continued success at the University of Houston, Downtown.

TOPIC: “Impact: Leading with a purpose; serving at the call of duty within organizations

ELIGIBILITY AND COMPETITION DETAILS:

- Contestants must be students currently enrolled at the University of Houston Downtown and must be registered for the 2020 SOLD Conference.
- Oration must be the contestant’s original idea (**Minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes or 500-1000 words**). The speaker is prohibited from using any props.
- A total of (3) finalist will be selected and notified at the luncheon prior to competition.
- If selected as finalist, contestant will be required to present at the Oratorical Scholarship Competition and Luncheon during the SOLD Conference on February 7, 2020.
- Completed application (*includes typewritten original speech*) is due **January 17, 2020 by 11:59pm**

SCORING:

Speech Development –20 pts (*Structure, organization support material*)

Effectiveness- 15 pts (*Achievement of purpose, interest & reception*)

Speech Value-15 pts (*Ideas, logic, original thoughts*)

Physical-10 pts (*Appearance, body language*)

Voice- 10 pts (*Flexibility, volume*)

Manner- 10 pts (*Directness, assurance, enthusiasm*)

Appropriateness- 10 pts (*Speech address purpose & audience*)

Correctness- 10 pts (*Grammar, pronunciation, word selection*)

AWARD:

1. Certificate of Participation to all contestants
2. Book Scholarship: \$500 (1st Place), \$250 (2nd Place), \$250 (3rd Place)

JUDGING

The final presentations will be judged by a minimum of three judges during the Oratorical Competition on February 7, 2020. Judges will render their final decisions using the aforementioned scoring rubric.

UHD SOLD Conference Oratorical Scholarship Application

-2020 Oratorical Competition Information Sheet-

Primary Contact

This person will receive correspondence on the status of their application.

Name: _____
Title/Position: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____
Major: _____ College: _____
GPA: _____ 900# _____ Hometown: _____

Classification (please select all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior | |

Brief Bio:

Maximum 50 words. If accepted, this will be used at the conference to introduce you.

Detailed Description and Outline (for internal use only):

Please provide an outline of your speech (ex. Introduction-30 seconds, Overview-1 minute, ect.).

Signature:

I confirm that the information listed in this application and in my original speech is accurate and true. I understand that any information proved to be otherwise will result in my application being disqualified and any award forfeited.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Questions? Contact Office of Student Activities at studentactivities@uhd.edu.
Thank you for your interest in helping make the 2020 SOLD Conference a success!