



ANNISTON MUSEUMS
and GARDENS



43RD ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 18, 2023, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Longleaf Event Center, 920 Museum Drive, Anniston, AL

ORATION COMPETITION APPLICATION

Please complete form and email to swoolmaker@annistonal.gov or mail to:
Anniston Museum of Natural History, PO Box 1587, Anniston, AL, 36202 by February 11, 2023

Participant Name: _____

Participant Address: _____

Participant Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Adult Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

School/Church: _____

School/Church Address: _____

Select Oration Competition Category:

Pre-K

6th Grade – 8th Grade

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

9th Grade – 12th Grade

3rd Grade – 5th Grade

Group

Group Name (if applicable): _____

Poem Title: _____

Poem Author: _____

(Please return top section and keep bottom section for reference)

Oration Competition Rules:

- This year's theme is:
43 Years of Poetry Celebrations
- Participants check in by 9:15 am, February 18.
- Competition begins at 10:00 am.
- Orations should be works by Black authors.
- Orations are recited by memory in front of festival attendees and a panel of judges.
- Orations are judged for organization, content, language, and audience appeal.
- Participants may compete as an individual or as a member of a group.
- Orations are limited to five (5) minutes.
- No profanity.
- Props are not required. However, if used participants are responsible for their own props.
- All participants receive \$10.00, a participation ribbon, and a FREE one-year AM&G membership.
- Each category has 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners (monetary prizes and ribbons).
- Entries due by February 11, 2023 to Anniston Museum of Natural History or via email swoolmaker@annistonal.gov.

Questions? Email swoolmaker@annistonal.gov, call 256-237-6766, or visit www.ExploreAMAG.org