



ANNISTON MUSEUMS  
and GARDENS



# 44TH ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 17, 2024, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Longleaf Event Center

920 Museum Drive, Anniston, AL

## ORATION COMPETITION APPLICATION

Please complete form and email to [swoolmaker@anniston.al.gov](mailto:swoolmaker@anniston.al.gov) or mail to

Anniston Museum of Natural History, PO Box 1587, Anniston, AL, 36202 by February 10, 2024

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

If competing in the Group category:

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Poem Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Poem Author: \_\_\_\_\_

### Select Oration Competition Category:

Pre-K

6th Grade – 8th Grade

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

9th Grade – 12th Grade

3rd Grade – 5th Grade

Group

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### Oration Competition Rules:

- This year's theme is: Words to Lift the Spirit
- Participants check in by 9:00 am, February 17.
- 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, a FREE one-year AM&G family membership, and lunch
- Each category has 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners (monetary prizes and ribbons).
- Entries due by February 10, 2024 to Anniston Museum of Natural History or via email [swoolmaker@anniston.al.gov](mailto:swoolmaker@anniston.al.gov).

Questions? Email [swoolmaker@anniston.al.gov](mailto:swoolmaker@anniston.al.gov), call 256-237-6766, or visit [www.ExploreAMAG.org](http://www.ExploreAMAG.org)