



ANNISTON MUSEUMS
and GARDENS



45TH ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 15, 2025, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Longleaf Event Center

920 Museum Drive, Anniston, AL

ORATION COMPETITION FORM

Please complete form and email to swoolmaker@anniston.al.gov or mail to

Anniston Museum of Natural History, PO Box 1587, Anniston, AL, 36202 by February 10, 2025

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

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

3rd Grade – 5th Grade

6th Grade – 8th Grade

9th Grade – 12th Grade

Group

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Oration Competition Rules & Reminders:

- This year's theme is:
Poems of the Past, Whispers of our Ancestors
- Participants check in at 9:00 am, February 15.
- 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 family membership.
- Each category has 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners (monetary prizes and ribbons).
- Entries due by February 10, 2025 to Anniston Museum of Natural History or via email swoolmaker@anniston.al.gov.

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