



Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Southeastern Region

2021 *Speak Up ~ Speak Out!*

“Say Something, Do Something, and Make Good Trouble”

Youth Presentations for ages 10-12-year-old

Event Purpose

As an organization, Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated works to shape tomorrow’s leaders by creating opportunities and challenges to learn and practice leadership skills. Public expression is one of the key life skills required of effective leaders and is therefore a key component of all teaching and development opportunities provided to all members.

Speak Up ~ Speak Out! is a signature program of the Southeastern Region of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated. **It is not a competition** but rather an opportunity for youth 10-12 years of age to speak before an audience without the pressure of competition. *Speak Up ~ Speak Out (SUSO)!* aligns and supports our belief that the best time to learn public speaking skills is while you are young. Additionally, one of the best ways to introduce our youth to public speaking is to encourage them to start speaking in front of a supportive audience that wants them to succeed.

“The ability to speak in front of an audience is not something we are born with. It is a skill that we have to learn. You cannot learn to speak by reading a book. Speaking is a skill and like any skill, it is learned by actually doing it.”

(Ron E. Bishop, Professional Speaker and Coach)

The Southeastern Region is encouraging all chapters to conduct the *Speak Up ~ Speak Out* Youth Presentations at the Chapter level. Although completely **OPTIONAL**, each Chapter is encouraged to have a SUSO presenter participate at the State Teen Oratorical Competition.

Event Objectives

Participants will learn to:

- Speak with confidence
- Communicate ideas and opinions effectively
- Become comfortable with an audience
- Celebrate other youth’s talents and performances
- Develop a lifelong commitment to effective public communication and
- Obtain the courage to *Speak Up ~ Speak Out!*

The following information is the criteria and guidelines that should be used for SUSO. While a chapter may establish its own criteria for selecting a SUSO representative, we strongly encourage you to follow these guidelines as printed so that participants will be familiar with and knowledgeable of the Region-wide requirements.

1. Participation Criteria

- 1.1. Presenters must be 10 – 12 years of age at the time of participation and will not have reached his or her 13th birthday by June 30, 2021.
- 1.2. Participants must be the children of or under the legal guardianship of an active member.
- 1.3. Chapters may have only one (1) SUSO presenter participate in the Ann Owen Gordon State-Wide Teen Oratorical Competition.
- 1.4. A SUSO participant does not restrict or otherwise impact the participation of a chapter's Teen representative in the Ann Owen Gordon Teen Oratorical Competition.
- 1.5. Participating at the State competition is **OPTIONAL** for SUSO presenters.
- 1.6. A SUSO Registration Form indicating the chapter representative must be submitted to the Region by the dates indicated in this instructional packet.
- 1.7. All SUSO presenters must attend a general review session prior to the event at the State competition.
8. SUSO participants must abide by all event guidelines.

2. Presentations

- 2.1. Recommended timeline for chapter presentations: January – February of each program year.
- 2.2. Each SUSO presenter must prepare his or her own speech. However, he or she may be coached and /or advised in preparing for the contest.
- 2.3. SUSO presenters must speak on the topic provided in this instructional packet.
- 2.4. SUSO presenters may use notes, if he or she desires.
- 2.5. The use of props, special costumes, or use of prompters is not permitted. In fact, use of the above during the Ann Owen Gordon Teen Oratorical Competition is cause for dismissal.
- 2.6. SUSO Presentations will be held the same date and location as the State Ann Owen Gordon Teen Oratorical Competitions. This **is not** a competition for Speak Up-Speak Out participants.

3. Areas of Assessment

- 3.1. Personal Qualities (appearance, poise, personality, and attitude)
- 3.2. Organization of Material(adherence to subject, theme, logic and flow of material)
- 3.3. Delivery of Presentation (voicequality, pronunciation, enunciation, gestures, and emphasis)
- 3.4. Overall Effectiveness (impression, effect, and appeal)

4. Topic: ***“Say Something, Do Something, and Make Good Trouble”***

5. Length of Speech

- 5.1. The speech must be at least three (3) minutes but not longer than five (5) minutes in length.
- 5.2. Participants will not be warned or stopped if he or she speaks less than three (3) minutes or exceeds the five (5) minutes in length.
- 5.3. Timing begins when the presenter begins to speak. Any salutations to Listeners and to the audience will be included in the participant's timing.
- 5.4. Timing will stop when the participant finishes his/her speech.

6. Criteria for Listeners

1. Panel of Listeners must have expertise in public speaking, teaching, coaching, or mentoring youth.
2. Panel of Listeners may not be members or affiliates of Jack and Jill of America.
3. Panel of Listeners should not be related to the participants.
4. Three (3) or more Listeners and one (1) timekeeper will provide feedback.

7. Assessment and Feedback

1. *Speak Up ~ Speak Out!* is **not** a competition. However, a qualified panel of Listeners will provide comments that are positive and informative – designed to help the presenter improve and to inspire him/her to continue to speak before an audience.
2. Each participant must state the theme at the beginning of the speech.
3. Participants may not identify himself/herself, the chapter, city or state that he or she represents.
4. The Official Timekeeper tracks and records the time of each speech.

8. Logistics

- 8.1 Chapters may send only **one** *Speak Up – Speak Out* participant to their respective State Oratorical Contest.

(NO EXCEPTIONS)

2021 CLUSTER DATES						
State	Included Chapters	Date/Time	Location	Oratorical Coordinator (Address, Phone, Email)	Cluster Chair (Address, Phone, Email)	Registration Coordinator (Address, Phone, Email)
Alabama/ Mississippi (SuperCluster)	Tuscaloosa (Host),	?	TBD (location availability is dependent upon date of cluster)	Tomalisa Washington 9811 Lenox Lane Tuscaloosa, AL 35405 (205) 246-6711 mrsflwashington@gmail.com	Mara Ray-Jones 216 35 th Ave NE Tuscaloosa, AL 35404 (205) 657-0640 mararjones@yahoo.com	Kenyatta Browne 8816 Old Greensboro Road #5202 Tucaloosa, AL 35405 (954) 694-2990 kenyattapb@gmail.com
North Florida (SuperCluster)	Daytona Beach (Host),	?	TBD	Anne Marie Hester, MD 14 Crescent Lake Way Ormond Beach Fl 32174 (386)366 2390 Ane2atn@aol.com	Monique Upton 699 Keeneland Pike Lake Mary, FL 32746 (865) 850-1377 Upton.monique@gmail.com	Lakisha Holmes 1739 Creekwater Blvd Port Orange, FL 32128 (386) 846-2391 profolmes@att.net
South Florida (Cluster) No Oratorical Competition	Treasure Coast (Host),	?	Indian River county or Saint Lucie County	N/A	Motisola Manu 4774 Ashley Lake Circle Vero Beach, FL 32967 (772) 696-0437 Tccpresident2020@gmail.com	Debbie Hines 7524 NW Farnsworth Circle Port St Lucie, FL 34987 (772) 532-9810 Debbie.hines@comcast.net
Tennessee (SuperCluster)	Knoxville (Host),	?	TBD, Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville TN	Fanesha Powell 4716 Mildred Drive Knoxville, TN 37914 (865) 824-8619 fancpowell@gmail.com	Aja Rosser 1601 Dempsey Rd Knoxville, TN 37932 (615) 585-5120 Aja.rosser@gmail.com Fanesha Powell 4716 Mildred Drive Knoxville, TN 37914 fancpowell@gmail.com	Aja Rosser 1601 Dempsey Rd Knoxville, TN 37932 (615) 585-5120 Aja.rosser@gmail.com
Georgia (SuperCluster)	Atlanta (Host)	?	Woodward Academy or Westminster School	Felicia Nickerson PO Box 170548, Atlanta, GA 30317 (470) 922-3851 felicia@4c2c.com	Jessica Cooke Scarborough 4007 Pineview Drive Smyrna, GA 30080 (404) 218-6714 jesscookeskar@gmail.com Tiffany Wilkes 1375 Boulevard Lorraine SW Atlanta, Ga 30311 mrswilkes927@gmail.com	Tiffany Wilkes 1375 Boulevard Lorraine SW Atlanta, Ga 30311 mrswilkes927@gmail.com
North Georgia (Cluster) No Oratorical Competition	Greater North Atlanta (Host)	?	Mt. Pisgah 9820 Nesbit Ferry Rd. Johns Creek GA 30022	N/A	Kelly Johnson 10650 Centennial Drive Alpharetta, GA 30022 (704) 726-6200 missdst@gmail.com	N/A
South Georgia (Cluster) No Oratorical Competition	Savannah (Host)	?	TBD 9am-2p	N/A	Keisha Reddick 327 Spanton Crescent Pooler GA 31322 (910) 200-9778 kbreddick@gmail.com Angelecia Latimore 9 Hartland Court Savannah, Ga. 31407 (229) 255-9687 Anglatimore1893@yahoo.com	Keisha Reddick 327 Spanton Crescent Pooler GA 31322 (910) 200-9778 kbreddick@gmail.com Angelecia Latimore 9 Hartland Court Savannah, Ga. 31407 (229) 255-9687 Anglatimore1893@yahoo.com

9. Additional Information

- 9.1. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.
- 9.2. All participants will receive Listeners' feedback forms.
- 9.3. Videotaping of one's own child is allowed from an area determined by the Host Oratorical Chapter.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, kindly contact your Southeastern Region Program Co-Chair, Keisha Lowther at RPCKeishaSER@gmail.com or Regional Program Team Member Dawn Stanley at Dawn.c.stanley@nasa.gov



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2021 SOSU Listener Feedback Form

	Suggestions and Comments
Appearance	
Poise	
Personality	
Presence	
Organization of Material	
Adherence to Subject/Theme	
Logical Flow	
Deliver, Presentation, and Voice Quality	
Enunciation/Articulation	
Pronunciation/Intonation	
Overall Effectiveness/Impression/Effect	
Participant's Name	