**M.R. CONIC ORATORICAL CONTEST RULES**

1. The M.R. Conic Oratorical Contest shall consist of four levels of competition: Level one, Local Church; Level two, District Congress; Level three, Diocese Congress; and Level four, National Sunday School & HYM Congress of the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.
2. Each level shall have a Supervisory Committee. The Supervisory Committee for level one shall be the Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, and the HYM President or a committee agreed on by these persons. The Supervisory Committee for levels two, three and four shall be the elected officers of the Sunday School and HYM Department of the respective levels.
3. Contestants shall enter the contest at level one.
4. Each level shall send not more than one contestant to the next level. The number of contestants entering level one is not limited. The number of contestants in the contest at level two is limited to the number of local churches sending one contestant each to level two. The number of contestants at level three is limited to the number of districts in the Diocese. Thus, the number of contestants at level four is limited to the number of dioceses in the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.
5. The M.R. Conic Oratorical Contest shall be self-supporting at each level. Levels one, two and three shall bear the expense involved in sending their contest winners to levels two, three, and four, respectively.
6. The judges for the contest shall number three or five at each level. The judges shall be selected by the Supervisory Committee at each level. **The judges at each level shall not be members of the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. When there is only one contestant at any level, there will be at least one judge who is not a member of the Church of Christ (Holiness)U.S.A.**
7. At the time of entering the M.R. Conic Oratorical Contest, each contestant must:
	1. Have written his/her own oration
	2. Be under 21 years of age.
	3. Not be a first place winner in a previous M.R. Conic Oratorical Contest of the National Sunday School and HYM Congress of the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.
	4. The contest will be opened up for all high school students.
8. The subject of each contest’s oration will be the current theme of the National Sunday School and HYM Congress.
9. The contestants will deliver their orations from memory at each level. The time limit for each oration will be six to ten minutes.
10. Each Contestant shall submit a copy of his orations to the Supervisory Committee at the time of the contest at each level. At level four, the orations shall be submitted for publication.
11. Each contestant will be allowed to move within a predefined space of four (4) feet to the left and four (4) feet to the right of the center/central microphone stand.
12. Each contestant shall be judged in the following categories:

Originality of thought………………………………………………20 points Orientation…………………………………………………..………….20 points Coherence…………………………………………..…………………..15 points Deliberation……………………………………..………………………15 points Articulation……………………………………….……………………..15 points Gesticulation………………………………………….………………..10 points Time……………………………………………..……………..…………….5 points **Total number of possible points……………....100 points**

1. Each contestant in the contest at level four shall register with the National Sunday School and HYM Congress on the opening day of the Congress.

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1. Since college is considered “standard “ for most High School graduates and because the K. J. Allen Scholarship winners can be awarded during that year’s National Congress session, The new award values would be $500.00 first place, $300.00 second place and $200.00 third place.
2. The awards shall be given to the winners following the contest and during the presentation of each place.

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