

## APPLICATION

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### BIG Chapter Representative

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## THINK BIG

2010



### National Oratorical Competition

Theme:

**"Social Networks & Cyber Communication... Progress or Problem?"**

*Your oration should discuss whether you feel the development of cyber communication (internet, email, text messaging), and the proliferation of social networking sites such as Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, etc..., has produced positive and/or negative consequences in the world today!*

## ORATORICAL COMPETITION

### PURPOSE

To provide students training in communications and to provide public speaking experience. This year's competition theme is:

**"Social Networks & Cyber Communication...Progress or Problem?"**



### PRIZES

**Chapter Awards:** Certificates for participation, and awards that are presented to the first, second and third place winners are determined by the chapter.

**Regional Awards:** Certificates for participation, and awards that are presented to the first, second and third place winners are determined by the Region. Regional first place winners will compete at the National competition at the 32nd National Training Conference in Kansas City, Missouri in August 2010.

**National Awards:** Certificates for participation and awards that are presented to the first, second and third place winners are determined by the National Program and Planning Committee.

## GENERAL RULES

1. BIG's Oratorical Competition is divided into three levels: 1) chapter, 2) regional, and 3) national.
2. Contestants **MUST** be in grades 9 through 12 and in good academic standing. (Students in 9th and 10th grades compete against each other and students in 11th and 12th grades compete against each other.)
3. Contestants shall prepare orations on the following theme: "Social Networks & Cyber Communication...Progress or Problem?"
4. Birth certificates and a typed copy of the oration must be presented to the Regional and National Chairs prior to the competition.
5. Any quotations or copyright material used in the speech must be referenced properly.
6. BIG reserves the right to edit, publish, and record any oration entered into the contest without payment to the author.
7. The National 1st Place winner is **INELIGIBLE** for future contests.
8. **ALL** Contestants receive certificate for participation.



## CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants draw numbers to determine the order of the orations.
2. Contestants do not state their names or any other identifying data during the oration.
3. Orations shall not be less than four minutes or more than six minutes.
4. No pictures or activities are allowed during an oration (except BIG's official photographer and videographer).
5. Protests must be made **BEFORE** the final scoring. The contest Chair shall have the final ruling on **ALL** protests.

