

## **2016 – 2017 Oratorical Contest**

### **Background**

The Circle K International Oratorical contest is designed to encourage members to share their attitudes, beliefs, and experiences regarding the organization through a prepared speech. This also assists members in developing public-speaking skills while providing an inspirational and motivational message.

### **Guidelines**

1. Return the completed entry form to the 2016 CKI Convention registration desk
2. The competition will be staged during the Circle K District Convention.
3. The first-place orator will present his/her oration during the presentation of awards.

### **Rules Governing the Oratorical Contest**

1. The subject of all orations shall be, **“They say that life is more than living from moment to moment but every great origin story has an unforgettable moment to hook in its audience: what was your redefining Circle K moment?”**
2. The subject matter and the presentation must be original and completely developed by the orator. Subject matter and presentation will be weighted equally in the selection of the winners.
3. To be eligible for this competition, individuals must be Circle K members in good standing, as well as members of a club in good standing with International and the district.
4. Each orator will be allowed a maximum of seven minutes for the presentation.
5. Each orator must submit a complete manuscript of the oration, in English, prior to judging.
6. Each orator may use notes on index cards, no larger than 5” x 7”, only.
7. First, second and third place shall be awarded.
8. Decisions of the judges are final and no changes, alterations, or recalculations will take place after the results have been certified.

Judging and awarding points will be based on the following criteria:

**Speech – 75 Points**

Clarity of message & projection of idea.....	20 Points
Depth.....	10 Points
Originality.....	10 Points
Organization.....	20 Points
Reference.....	5 Points
Grammar/word choice.....	10 Points

**Delivery – 25 Points**

Posture (composure and gestures).....	10 Points
Voice (tone, effectiveness/pronunciation) .....	10 Points
Attention of audience.....	5 Points

Please complete and **submit this form with the written version of the presentation** to the convention registration desk/contest entry drop-off on Friday March 24,2016.