

KEY CLUB ORATORY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Contest and award criteria can be found on the keyclub.org website.

Please type information on this form and email it and a video of your speech to the district administrator.

Entries become the property of Key Club International. Key Club International reserves the right to reproduce winning entries for any use deemed appropriate by Key Club International. Appropriate recognition will be provided to the Key Club.

Name of Key Club member: _____ Preferred pronouns: _____

Phone number with area code: E-mail:

Key Club name: Club ID #:

District:

Club advisor:

Advisor name:

Phone number with area code: E-mail:

Shareable link to recording of oration: _____

Signature of faculty advisor or Kiwanis advisor: This certifies that this speech is original and was created in accordance with copyright laws:

Signature Print name here

District administration team:**Please sign below to certify submission.**

This video placed first at district convention.

This video was selected by other means and was approved for entry for international competition by the Key Club district administrator.

Signature _____ Print name here _____

Note: Only district winners are eligible for submission to the competition. Orators located within a non-districted area shall submit a video of their speeches to Key Club International.

- A. The subject for all orations is to be predetermined and distributed to clubs via general mailing and online correspondence.
- B. The first-place orator from each of the organized Key Club districts will be eligible to compete in the Key Club International Oratorical Contest. In the case a district does not hold a district contest to determine the first-place orator, the district may select an orator by other means and so certify them by signature of the district administrator. Orators located within a non-districted area shall submit a video recording of their speeches to Key Club International.
- C. The subject matter of the oration and the presentation must be original and completely developed by each orator. Content and presentation will be considered equally in judging.
- D. Each orator will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for their presentation. Exceeding the time limit by 10 seconds or more will result in a penalty unless extenuating circumstances exist.
- E. Each orator must be a member in good standing with Key Club International.
- F. Judging and awarding points will be based on the following criteria:

Speech 50 points total	
Clarity of message and projection of ideas	25 points
Structure, grammar, transitions, and flow	15 points
Depth	5 points
Originality	5 points
Delivery 50 points total	
Presence, posture, gestures, and ability to engage the audience	15 points
Voice, tone, diction, effectiveness, pronunciation	15 points
Ease of presentation and intimacy with audience	15 points
Attention of audience	5 points

- G. Prior to the 2023 Key Club International convention in July, elimination trials will be held among the winning video submissions of each district. The Key Club International Board will select no more than three orators to appear at the convention.
- H. Oratory finalists will receive suitable awards and recognition for their excellence in public speaking.
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2025 Oratory Topic:

Celebrating a Century of Service: Key Club International's 100th Anniversary 2025

Oratory Topic:

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Key Club International as an organization, we honor the legacy of servant leadership that has positively impacted countless people. Reflect on your personal experiences as a Key Club member and how they have contributed to this century-long impact. How has your involvement shaped your growth, and what do you envision for the future of Key Club as it continues to empower the next generation of high school students?