

United Space Alliance Leadership Association FLORIDA CHAPTER 830

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NATIONAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP SPEECH CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The logo for the National Management Association (NMA) features the letters "NMA" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

The United Space Alliance Chapter of the (NMA) National Management Association is sponsoring its annual NMA Leadership Speech Contest. Our local chapter contest is the initial stage of a national speech contest sponsored by our national organization.

The primary purpose of the NMA Leadership Contest is to promote a better understanding of Leadership and the unique role it plays in today's world. Participating high school students will increase awareness of the importance of leadership in today's society and will enhance communication skills vital to succeeding in such a competitive market as we live in today.

The NMA Leadership Speech Contest is open to all ninth through twelfth grade students. Contest participants must prepare and orally present a four to six minute speech relating to a variety of Leadership topics. Contestants may use notes but may not read the speech verbatim. Audio and visual aids will not be permitted during the presentation.

Chapter monetary prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place. The chapter winner will then compete for additional prizes, including a chance to win a national prize of \$4,000.

The chapter contest will be held on **Thursday, March 8th, 2012** at the Cocoa Public Library, Room #2 (308 Forrest Ave, Cocoa FL) starting at **5:00 p.m.**



Deadline

Prior to 8 March 2012, students must submit:

- 1) Student Entry Form
- 2) Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk Form
- 3) Official Title Page and
- 4) Typed copy of his or her speech.

The forms and speech should be mailed to:

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If there are any questions please contact me at:
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Sincerely,

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Chapter Sergeant of Arms 2010 -2011



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About the NMA Sponsored Leadership Speech Contest

NMA... THE Leadership Development Organization proudly presents its Leadership Speech Contest as one of the nation's leading competitions among high school age students. Its primary purpose is to promote better understanding of Leadership and the unique role it plays in today's world. The top prize is \$4,000 cash! The contest involves young men and women in grades nine through twelve. They research, write, and then deliver a speech based upon their interpretation of a variety of Leadership topics. Topics such as Leadership in the world, its application to the free enterprise system and what Leadership means to them personally are some examples of speech themes. In short, the students are limited only by their imagination and creativity. Students report to us that participation in this contest increases their awareness and understanding of Leadership. The contest provides an incentive for the development of communication skills – vital to those preparing to enter the workforce. In communities across the country, the NMA Contest has become recognized as an innovative program supporting our young people. The financial rewards, at all levels of the competition, contribute to students' furthering their education. NMA members take enormous pride in their program and herald the contest as one of the NMA's greatest contributions to understanding the various aspects of Leadership. We sincerely invite you to look at our program closely and join us in participating in this important program.

Levels of Competition

In high school meeting rooms, community theatres, libraries, and even plant auditoriums, students across the country start giving their speeches in early spring. Their goal remains the same, write a first class speech and then begin to present it to various audiences, eventually working one's way to the top, with a chance at that \$4,000 top prize. Along the way, they receive the advice, counsel, and encouragement from parents, teachers, friends, and business leaders.

The four levels of competition are:

1. Chapter Level
2. Council Level
3. Leadership Development Conference (LDC)
4. National Level

At the Chapter Level, students from area high schools in a given community compete against each other for prizes to be determined by chapters, if monetary, not to exceed \$300. These contests are run by local NMA chapters such as LMLA #546 and have been recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

At the Council Level, students compete against one another from a wider geographical area... wherein several NMA chapters in a large city or even statewide, band together to sponsor the second level of competition. The top monetary prize at this level should not exceed \$500.

At the LDC Level (two regional meetings held in April/May of each year) the competition begins to get stiff. Here, council and chapter winners from several states, meet to compete for two top prizes at the East and West LDC Contest of \$1,000 and \$500 cash.

Finally, at the National Level, the four LDC finalists receive a paid trip to the NMA Annual Conference in September or October. These contestants compete for grand prizes of \$4,000, \$1,000, and two \$500 cash prizes.



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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Participants must be enrolled in a school or be home schooled (grades 9 – 12) within the area that the sponsoring Chapter serves. An exception would be a student without a local chapter could still participate. Contact NMA Headquarters for possible sponsoring chapters.

SPEECH PREPARATION RULES

1. The speech is to relate to Leadership. Speeches at all levels shall have Leadership as its **main theme** to be considered eligible for competition.
2. Non-leadership issues such as social, medical, environmental, political etc. should not be primary subjects unless integrated into how leadership plays a role.
3. Each contestant must prepare his/her own speech. Advice and coaching is allowed and changes may be made to the speech at any time prior to the contest.
4. Contestants must submit a draft of their speech to the Contest Director prior to participating in the contest to assure the content meets the criteria.
5. Contestants may not identify themselves, their city, state or school in the context of their speech.
6. Notes are allowed, but the speech may not be read verbatim.
7. No audio/visual aids may be used with the presentation.
8. Contestants' speeches must be limited to no more than six minutes or less than four minutes.
9. Contestants may use quotations and/or copyrighted materials, but must identify the original author. The use of such material is the responsibility of the contestant.
10. Speeches prepared for this contest must not be presented to any other group without acknowledging that the speech was prepared for and was or will be delivered in this contest.
11. The listed Speech Preparation Rules are also part of the Contest Rules.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Leadership in the world today
2. Community Leadership or how I can be a leader in my community
 3. What makes a good leader?
4. Leadership and the Free Enterprise System
 5. Leadership for the next millennium
6. Attributes of a leader or the importance of inclusiveness in leadership
 7. Great Leadership Examples
8. Leadership: Past, Present and for the next millennium
 9. What Leadership means to me



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