

**APPLICATION**

San Antonio Chapter  
Blacks In Government  
2012 Youth Oratorical Contest  
&  
Information Superhighway Competition

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR/PARENT/TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

0 Youth Oratorical 0 Information Superhighway  
(Please check one of the ovals above)

Application must be received by  
Friday, March 16, 2012  
Contest will be held March 24, 2012,  
10:00 am at the  
Greater New Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
1407 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Antonio, Texas

*Blacks in Government (BIG) is a national response to the need for African Americans in public service to organize around issues of mutual concern and to use our collective strength to address workplace and community concerns.*

*Blacks in Government's goals are to promote equality in all aspects of American life, excellence in all we do and opportunities for all Americans.*

Submit application to:  
BIG San Antonio Chapter  
Attn: Youth Oratorical/Information  
Superhighway Committee  
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San Antonio, TX 78245

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**CASH AWARDS ARE OFFERED**



**BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT  
SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER  
2012**



**YOUTH ORATORICAL CONTEST**

**THEME: "CONQUERING 21st CENTURY  
FINANCIAL SLAVERY BY ELEVATING YOUR  
FINANCIAL IQ"**

**AND**



**INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY  
COMPETITION**

**THEME: BUILDING PROPER RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH  
ONLINE SOCIAL NETWORKING: DO'S & DON'TS FOR  
YOUR FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS**

### What is the purpose of the Youth Oratorical Contest?

The Youth Oratorical Contest is designed to introduce youth to the concepts of leadership. It will assist them in developing their personal leadership traits.

### Key Factors:

- Leaders are not only the people making the headlines in the national news. They are people trying to work with other people to make a real difference.
- Learn about various leadership skills. Do not limit yourselves to one specific type of leadership.
- Study leaders in history, your community and develop an oration on the leader in which you can easily identify with.

### What are the awards?

Chapter Awards: Certificates of Participation and chapter determined awards will be presented to the first, second and third place winners.

Regional and National Awards: Winners will receive awards at the regional and national level. Regional first place winners will compete at the National level.

## CONTEST RULES

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- Students in 9th-12th grades are eligible to participate.
- Contestants shall prepare orations not less than 4 minutes but no longer than 6 minutes and speak on the topic.
- The penalty for going over or under the time limit is 3 points for each 15 seconds over/under the time limit.
- Timing begins on the first word uttered and stops on the last word.
- Contestants shall NOT state their name or any other identifying information during the oration. The penalty for stating identifying information is 2 points.
- Any quotations/copyright material used must be cited.
- Contestants draw numbers for order of presentation.

(The above rules encompass a portion of the contest rules).

### How do I apply?

To enter the competition, complete the application and mail to the address on this pamphlet or simply contact one of the committee members with your information.

### How will the oration be judged?

A team of qualified judges will judge each contestant based on delivery, effectiveness, content, and appearance.

