

ACSA Region 15
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORATORY CONTEST
Wednesday, March 8, 2023



"Find Your Light"
\$800 Scholarship
6 Scholarships Awarded

In a speech *no longer than 3 minutes*, please address this year's ACSA Region 15's theme: "Find Your Light."

When there is light, we can see things clearly. Purpose, guide, compass or inspiration can be seen as light. When we have a purpose or guide, we feel alive to do what we want to do. Each of us has light inside of us. If our light dims, we feel lost or stagnant. We need to take care of the light that shines brightly within us. Only then will we be strong enough to shine through the dark challenging times in our lives. We all have a story to tell about how we found our light or how we continue to work towards finding our light. What is your light? What is your Story? How do you use your light to inspire others? Share your own story by reflecting on the following questions:

- What does light represent in education?
- How can the idea of finding your light be used to encourage students and leaders to continue learning and improving?
- How can educational leaders help students tell their story through finding their own light in life?
- How can we, as educational leaders, be a driving force in helping students identify their light and use their voice for student leadership?

Region 15 Student Oratory Contest
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Eliot Arts Magnet

2184 N Lake Avenue. Altadena, CA 91001

Judging conducted by independent oratory judges

Family, friends, and school supporters are welcome

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ACSA REGION 15 2022-2023 **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORATORY CONTEST**

Dear Charter Presidents, High School Administrators, and Superintendents:

We are pleased to invite your high school students to participate in our annual High School Student Oratory Contest. This year, our topic is "Find Your Light". We are looking for innovative and inspiring speeches. You are being asked to submit one student finalist from a single district charter and two finalists from a multi-district charter to the:

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**Charles W. Eliot Arts Magnet Academy
2184 N Lake Avenue. Altadena, CA 91001**



Helpful Hints and Important Reminders:

- Please hold and complete site, district and multi-district charter oratory events before February 3, 2023
- By February 17, 2023, complete the linked High School Student Oratory Contest Finalist Information Form: <https://bit.ly/Oratory2023>
- Forms received in a timely manner will ensure finalist's name will be listed in the program.
- In order to be allowed to compete on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, charter finalist's information form must be submitted no later than February 17, 2023.
- One student finalist may be submitted for a single district charter
- Two finalists may be submitted from a multi-district charter. Please note that the two submissions may not be from the same district.

On Wednesday March 8, 2023, charter finalists must check in at Eliot Arts Magnet Academy 5:45 pm. At this final Oratory Contest, six students will be selected as the Region 15 winners and will each receive a \$800 scholarship, which will be presented at the Region 15 Spring Awards Banquet on Friday, April 28, 2023. All other charter finalists who participate in the Oratory Contest on March 8, 2023 will receive a scholarship of \$300 from ACSA Region 15.

The six Region 15 finalists will present their speech during the ACSA Region 15 Spring Conference and Awards banquet on **Friday, April 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Castaway Restaurant in Burbank.** *Students must be present at the banquet and deliver their speech to receive the \$800 scholarship.* Dinner will be provided for each of the six Region 15 finalists and two guests. Additional guests are welcome to attend at the regular cost of the banquet.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in this annual student public speaking event. Questions? Contact Lilia Vargas at programs@acsaregion15.org