



## High School Competition 2022 Contest Rules

### Oral Interpretation

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Columbia State Community College will be hosting the annual **High School Competition Day** on **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. As part of the competition there is an oral interpretation of literature. We hope you will encourage many of your students to become involved in the competition.

Please be advised that the quantity of students is limited and that the deadline is rigid. All entries must be submitted to Columbia State Community College by **February 25, 2022, no later**.

A Zoom link will be provided and students will make presentations live via Zoom. Please see the rules and requirements for presenting, available below.

*We look forward to having you attend the High School Competition!*

#### Rules for Oral Interpretation:

- **Date:** Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- **Place:** A Zoom link will be provided prior to the start of the event.
- **Entrants:** Each school may register up to **three students** no later than February 25, 2022.
- **Range:** As defined in this contest, oral interpretation includes all literary forms of fiction and non-fiction. Students may interpret a poem, novel, short story, non-fiction piece, journalistic prose, an original composition or an actual scene from a play or film.

- **Preparation:** The scene can be memorized or students may hold scripts if desired. Scenes must be performed by a solo actor. Students are permitted to use props; costumes, simple settings, music or anything they can bring and quickly utilize that will help to establish the tone or mood of the scene.
- **Length:** Cuttings/interpretations should run no longer than five minutes in length. Introductions should be avoided where possible. The scene should speak for itself with a minimum of set-up.
- **Presentation:** Presentations will be given live via Zoom during the scheduled session. Please see the following information regarding presenting in Zoom.
- **Judging:** 100 points/10 points possible per criteria. Students will be judged based on these 10 criteria:
  - memorization or use of script
  - sophistication of material
  - characterization
  - use of language
  - gesture/movement/physicalization
  - originality of material/treatment
  - use of props/costuming
  - concentration/understanding
  - complete unity, order and structure of scene/cutting
  - voice strong/delivery polished
- **Awards:** Medals will be given to the top three students in the category according to point totals.

### **Requirements for Presenting in Zoom:**

All entrants are expected to follow the rules provided above regarding the selection, length, and delivery of their chosen scene. In addition, the following details provide expectations for performance on the day of the competition. If there are any questions, please direct them to one of the faculty coordinators listed above.

Although you will be presenting in Zoom, you should present in a formal manner. You will still have a live audience with synchronous grading. Consider your delivery to be the same as it would be in front of a classroom or on a stage.

Formal presentation includes:

- Ensure your camera and microphone are working properly before the event.
- Mute your microphone when you are not talking to eliminate background noise for everyone.
- Practice with your camera to ensure the correct distance/placement.
- You should dress and speak appropriately.
- Present as you would if in front of a live audience using appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication.
- Video should display the presenter from at least mid-torso. We should be able to see you from the waist up, including seeing any notes and how you're using them.
- Any visuals should be used effectively.

- Students may choose to stand, sit, or move around the space as appropriate for the scene. However, ensure you will be visible and audible at all times.
- Also, consider the quality of your environment and equipment. We should be able to see and hear you clearly. Please take care to avoid background noise, such as TV, radio, people talking, jackhammering, etc. and speak loudly enough that your voice is clear and easily understood.
- It is your responsibility to ensure you have an adequate internet connection and the necessary equipment.