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To Whom It May Concern:

***Alpha eXcellence Foundation and the
Xi Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
6th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Competition
Theme: A Tribute to the Past. A Vision for the Future: King at 100.***

Thank you for your interest in the 6th Annual ***Alpha eXcellence Foundation and the Xi Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Competition***. This event will take place on Saturday, January 24th, at 1pm. This event will be held at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church's Family Life Center.

Competition Guidelines

The contest guidelines and instructions are provided for your convenience.

I. Registration

The application can be found on the website www.AlphaeXcellenceFoundation.com. The application submission deadline is **Friday, January 2, 2026**.

II. Requirements for Eligibility

A. Students must be enrolled in public or private schools within Berkeley County, Charleston County, and the Dorchester District 2 and 4 School Districts.

B. Students/contestants must be in middle and high school.

C. The speech must show creativity and originality and pertain to the theme provided.

D. ONE typewritten copy of each contestant's speech must be submitted online to Xi Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The deadline for submitting typewritten copies of speeches is **Sunday, January 11, 2026**.

E. The Xi Phi Lambda Oratorical Competition Committee will select the top 10 typewritten submissions that will be orally presented on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Contestants will be notified of their participation in the contest by, **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**. If fewer than 10 contestants apply, all applicants will participate in the contest.

III. Topics for Speeches

Generally, all Contestants must adhere to the theme. Contestants must incorporate the use of the exact words of the theme and/or emphasis; however, it is also permissible to additionally use a sub-topic that is closely related to the theme. A contestant will be disqualified if he/her speech is totally unrelated to the theme. The theme is "*A Tribute to the Past. A Vision for the Future: King at 100.*"

IV. Time Limit

- A. Each contestant should limit his or her speech to a minimum of three minutes (or fractions thereof) and a maximum of five minutes. If a Contestant speaks fewer than three minutes or more than five minutes, they will be penalized by the judges. Ten points will be subtracted from the Contestants' total score for each minute (or fraction thereof) he or she speaks under or over time.
- B. Timekeeping Judges will time the presentations.

V. Judges

- A. The content will be judged by a group of three judges. A Panel consisting of three persons will serve as Content Judges. The Content Judges will be responsible for rating the participants' overall performance. A panel of a maximum of two persons will serve as Timekeeping Judges. The Timekeeping Judges will be responsible for the assessment of penalties and for timing the presentation.
- B. The content judges will be persons professionally trained and/or knowledgeable in speech, oratory, composition, and the performing arts, and not member of the Xi Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Timekeepers may be members of the Chapter.
- C. A panel of a maximum of two persons will serve as Statistician Judges. The Statistician Judges will tally the score sheets to determine the final ratings of the Contestants.
- D. The maximum number of points a contestant can earn is 110. He or she cannot receive more than 10 points from each item on which the judge or rater evaluates him or her.
- E. Each Contestant will be introduced according to number. The Contestants

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**Reminder: Submit ONE copy of a typed speech
via Email to xiphilambda0384@gmail.com
*See Guidelines**

Directions: Please type or print clearly on the entire Registration Form

Contestant's Name:

Contestant's Address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Contestant's Age: _____ Contestant's Phone Number () _____

Contestant's Email Address:

Current Grade Level (Check One): _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12

Name of School:
