

*Please attach the entry form
securely to each submission.*



PROMOTE THE VOTE 2015 ***PERSUASION CONTESTS - GRADES 7-12***

Oratory: “If I Were Elected Governor, I Would...”

Advertising: “Vote for Me”

Political Campaign: “Vote for Me”

The Persuasion Contests provide Mississippi students a chance to express their views on important issues facing the State of Mississippi and roll Mississippi’s top elected official can play in addressing those issues. The three contests allow students to express their creativity in real-life applications involving public speaking, media/marketing and political campaign development.

First, second, and third place winners will be selected in each contest. Judges may also choose to bestow Honorable Mention honors. Professionals in the appropriate fields will be selected by the Secretary of State’s Office as judges.

PERSUASION CONTESTS JUDGING PROCESS

- Student names and school affiliation will be kept secret from the judges.
- Entries not conforming to the Official Rules of the Contest will be ineligible for competition.
- Entries will be judged for content, original thought, power of expression, creativity and effectiveness.

PERSUASION CONTESTS OFFICIAL RULES

1. All entries must be received by the Secretary of State’s office in Jackson no later than Monday, Nov. 30, 2015.
2. Entries may be mailed to the Promote the Vote Writing Contests, Secretary of State’s Office, Post Office Box 136, Jackson, MS 39205 or hand-delivered to the First Floor Receptionst, 225 S. Congress St., Jackson.
3. Entries must be packaged appropriate to the contest description.
4. Contestants must be in Grades 7-12 in a school registered for Promote the Vote 2015.
5. The entry must be the original thought and composition of the contestant alone.
6. Only one entry per contest may be submitted by each contestant. Students may enter multiple contests.
7. Each entry must be accompanied by the entry application.
8. Failure to comply with any rule will result in disqualification.