

# 2010 Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition

## JACL District Council Procedure

### Outreach

JACL District Councils should encourage each chapter in the district to send at least one student to the JACL District Council competition.

### District Council Competition

District Councils should set aside time at their meeting to present the Oratorical Competition. At the competition, the speaking order for the competitors should be decided 30 minutes before the competition begins. It would be advantageous for some of the judges to have a background in debate or public speaking. Some judges should also have familiarity with the topic content.

Judges should evaluate on the following:

- A. Delivery and Presentation: How well does the participant speak? Does the presentation flow evenly or are there unnatural pauses? Is the speech well memorized? Does the student make use of vocal qualities for presentation purposes such as changes in volume, tone and dramatic pauses.
- B. Answering the Question: Does the participant's speech answer the question asked or does the student's analysis go off on a topic unrelated to the question? Are all the possible areas of discussion dealt with or does the participant omit some of the obvious areas related to the question?
- C. Analysis and Logic: Does the participant use sound logic and analysis in presenting the reasoning behind the answer to the question? Is the speech organized in a coherent manner with the issues logically arranged?

### Deadline

The District Council must select a finalist for the National competition by May 15, 2010. The name, address, telephone number and email address of the District Council finalist should be sent to:

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### Contestant Requirements for competing at the JACL National Convention

- The District Council finalist will be required to submit a biography and photograph.
- The District Council finalist will be required to complete a parental or guardian consent and waiver form.
- A parent or guardian must accompany all minors to the JACL National Convention.