

C. HENRY SMITH ORATORICAL CONTEST

In 1974, the directors of the C. Henry Smith Trust established a Peace Oratorical Contest in the name of the late C. Henry Smith. C. Henry Smith was a Mennonite historian and professor at Goshen College and Bluffton College and had deep interest in the Mennonite peace position. The directors felt that an oratorical contest would be a fitting way to foster continuing thought about peace issues and would also provide a mechanism for making these views known.

Guidelines

1. All students enrolled at Anabaptist colleges and universities are eligible to enter the contest.
2. Orations should be on the general theme of the application of the Christian peace position to contemporary concerns.
3. Orations should not be longer than 1500 words. Not more than ten percent may be quoted material.
4. The oration from each school must be submitted in two forms: typed in a manuscript saved as a PDF **and** a video recording of the speech performance. The manuscript should include a title page which lists the student's **name**, the **school** and the **title** of the speech. The student's name and school should not appear on any page of the manuscript other than the title page.
5. Three judges will be selected by the Peace and Justice Ministries, the body serving as administrator of the contest. The judges will be chosen according to theological knowledge, historical perspective and rhetorical competence. None of the judges will be from any of the colleges participating in the contest.
6. Cash awards for the winning orations in the intercollegiate, bi-national contest will be made as follows: 1st Place: \$500; 2nd Place: \$350; 3rd Place: \$200.
Additionally, scholarships will be provided for the top three orators to attend a peace-related conference or seminar of their choice in consultation with MCC U.S. National Program staff and a faculty advisor. The scholarships may be used for registration fees and/or travel costs. Maximum scholarship amounts are as follows: 1st Place: \$500; 2nd Place: \$350, and 3rd Place: \$200.
7. The text of the winning oration will be made available to *Anabaptist World* for publication.
8. The directors of the C. Henry Smith Trust retain publication rights of winning orations.