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**APPLICATION**

**Complete the application below and email it to** [**100blackdetroit@gmail.com**](mailto:100blackdetroit@gmail.com) **no later than March 29th, 2024.**

**Selected Topic**

**Is social media doing more harm than help for young people?**

The annual public speaking contest encourages high school students to become more comfortable with public speaking and provides them with oratory experience in a public forum. Students should prepare a 3-5 min speech on the topic above.

The competition will take place **on Saturday**, **April 20, 2024 at 11am.** The contest will be hosted at Wayne County Community College, Northwest Campus, Larry K. Lewis Auditorium, located at 8200 West Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48219.

Please arrive by **10:30 a.m.** Each of the top three winners will be awarded a cash prize.

3rd place: $500

2nd place: $1000

1st place: $2000

**HOW TO APPLY**

The completed (see below) application should be sent by email to [100blackdetroit@gmail.com](mailto:100blackdetroit@gmail.com) no later than **March 29, 2024**. Please write legibly or type your responses into the application on the next page. Failure to comply with this requirement prohibits a student from participating in the contest. No exceptions will be granted.

**This year’s contest is only open to high school seniors**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Contact Dennis Williams at 248.499.3771 or email [100blackdetroit@gmail.com](mailto:100blackdetroit@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

The [100 Black Men of Greater Detroit](http://www.100blackmeddetroit.org), Inc. is a group of concerned African American men whose goal is to improve the quality of life in the African American community through their collective resources, abilities and experiences. The Detroit chapter is one of more than 90 chapters of 100 Black Men of America, Inc

**About Persuasive Speaking**

The purpose of this activity is to train speakers to choose and organize material to support a central idea in a persuasive speech.

A persuasive speech may persuade or convince listeners of the validity of the speaker’s argument. The speech aims to change the values, ideas, beliefs, and/or attitudes of the audience. This might involve persuading someone to change their opinion or at the very least take into account some elements that have not been considered before.

Although many persuasive speeches deal with a current problem and propose a solution, the speaker should not be expected to solve any of the great problems of the day. The speech may force the audience to simply learn about a threatening danger, strengthen its devotion to an accepted cause, or reinforce a previously-held belief.

The best delivery technique retains the directness and simplicity of good conversation while reaching all listeners. A good speech makes the audience forget it is a contest.

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| **STUDENT INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Current High School:** | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| **Home Address:** | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **City:** |  | | | | | **State:** |  | | **Zip:** |  | |
| **Preferred Phone Number:** | | | | |  | | | **Preferred Email:** | | |  |
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