



SCJCL Creative Arts Rules

Students MUST [pre-register](#) for Creative Arts contests by February 28th.
Only students who have pre-registered will be allowed to participate at the forum.

Costume

- Contestant(s) must choose a character from ancient Latin or Greek literature that relates to the NJCL costume competition theme (2025: Oracles and their prophecies). If students compete as a pair, the two characters they choose must have a connection to the theme and to each other.
- The contestant must make their own costume. The contestant will make a statement about the costume and how it relates to the character and the theme. The contestant must have knowledge of Roman or Greek clothing style and a broad knowledge of the character represented. The contestant should speak about the color, style, props, etc. selected for their costume. Judging will focus on the contestant's use of materials to make props and costume(s).
- The individual category must have ONLY one person entered. The pair category must have ONLY two people entered. No other people may be part of the costume contest. A contestant may enter only one category.
- There will be a Middle School and High school division. In the pair division, a lower level delegate may compete in the upper level division in order to team up with an upper level delegate; however, an upper level delegate may not compete in the lower level division.
- It is recommended that the cost of the costume not exceed \$50.00, excluding tax. For pairs, this is \$50.00 per person. Receipts do not need to be submitted.

Dramatic Interpretation

- Costume and props are NOT to be used. An introduction in English is NOT necessary and, if given, is NOT in any way considered when rating contestants.

- Contestants should make sure their movements and gestures are appropriate to the content of the presentation. A carefully memorized selection is a *sine qua non*. Poems (Advanced Poetry level only) must be recited in the appropriate meter, including elisions.
- The judge may prompt at their discretion. Use only the text provided by [NJCL for Dramatic Interpretation passages](#).

English Oratory

- Contestants must write an **original** English oratory. The style should be similar to that of a classical orator. The subject is the [theme of the NJCL Convention](#).
- There will be two divisions: Middle School and High School
- Participants in English Oratory are requested to have memorized their passages thoroughly prior to their attendance at the forum.
- It is highly recommended that a student's sponsor should hear and approve the presentation before the contest.
- The student's oration should be three minutes in length; a contestant will be penalized if their speech is less than 2 minutes and 45 seconds or more than 3 minutes and 15 seconds in length.