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## CPF national *concours d'art oratoire* official rules of entry.

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1. Speeches must be an original work by the student, not a recitation of another person's work.
2. Students must deliver the same speech that won them first prize at the school, regional, and/or provincial/territorial levels in the 2012 competition.
3. Speeches must have been written specifically for delivery at the 2012 edition of the CPF *Concours d'art oratoire*. Recycled speeches from previous years or other public speaking events are not permitted.
4. The presentation should be committed to memory, but cards with key points are allowed. A speech written in its entirety is not allowed in any form under **a penalty of up to three points**. Students will be asked to submit their notes to the jury following the speech.
5. Students will be asked two or three questions related directly to the speech.
6. Students must not identify themselves in any way, by name, school, school board or city/township **under penalty of disqualification**.
7. No display materials or costumes (this includes school uniforms) are allowed **under penalty of disqualification**.
8. The use of a lectern is optional.
9. The use of a microphone is not permitted.
10. This is a speech arts competition as opposed to dramatic arts. Poems, songs and dramatic pieces are not appropriate.
11. Gestures must be kept to a minimum. It is not necessary for the head and hands to remain completely motionless, but gestures must be natural and spontaneous, as opposed to dramatic. Examples of unacceptable gesturing: wild arm movements (flapping wings), pirouettes, kneeling, turning one's back to the audience.
12. Excessive gestures will result in a **penalty of up to three points**.
13. Students will speak for 3-5 minutes.
14. The time is clocked from when the student begins to speak.
15. Speeches that are over or under the allotted time will receive a penalty: **one point for 1-30 seconds, two points for 31-60 seconds, etc.**
16. In order to qualify for the winning scholarship, students must meet General Eligibility Criteria as defined by the University of Ottawa:
  - a. Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have protected-person status.
  - b. Meet the admission requirements of the relevant faculty.

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