

For Local Contest Winners: Virtual State Contest FAQs!

How should I record and submit my video entry?

1. Record your video using your smart phone, digital camera, or other video recording device.
2. Upload your video to YouTube using your google account.
3. Email the link to your video to Allie Frazier at afrazier@ohiolife.org. Allie will forward your video on to our panel of judges!

Can I edit my video or should it be one take?

Ideally, your video should be one continuous take, like it would be if you were competing in-person in front of our judges at a physical location. Obviously, you can re-record your video several times and pick the take that you like best to upload. Do feel free to cut off the beginning and end of your video if you have a few moments of you setting up the camera, hitting the “stop recording” button, etc.

What settings should I upload my video under?

You should post your video as “unlisted” on YouTube- only people with the link will be available to watch it- ie.the Oratory Contest Judges.

What should I do if I’m having trouble uploading my video?

If you are experiencing technical difficulties or having trouble uploading your video, please reach out to ORTL’s Director of Communications, Allie Frazier. Allie can be reached by email at afrazier@ohiolife.org or by phone at (614)547-0099 ext.304. She will be able to help make sure your video is uploaded and available for the judges.

What is the hard deadline for contest entries to be submitted?

The hard deadline for contest entries to be emailed to Allie is 11:59 PM EST on Friday, May 14th. Please reach out to Allie with any additional questions or if you need help!