



Annual Greg Shropshire Memorial Oratorical Contest

"Life is a Puzzle, Solve it Drug Free"

Floyd Against Drugs (FAD) is proud to sponsor its annual oratorical contest in memory of Mr. Greg Shropshire. Mr. Shropshire was a beloved family man, veteran educator with Rome City Schools, and a dedicated mentor committed to the success of community youth.

Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday, March 14, 2026
- **Time:** Noon
- **Location:** Rome City Hall, 601 Broad St., Rome, GA 30161
- **Prizes:**
 - **1st Place:** \$200
 - **2nd Place:** \$150
 - **3rd Place:** \$100
 - *All participants will receive a certificate of participation.*

Eligibility Requirements

- **Residency:** Open to youth living in or attending school in Rome City or Floyd County, GA.
- **Age:** Must be between 11 and 19 years old (Age 19 as of January 1, 2026; Age 11 by August 1, 2026)

- **Documentation:** All contestants must provide proof of age, residence (utility bill or license), and school enrollment (Form DS-1 or home-school certificate).

Key Deadlines (2026)

- **March 5th:** Application and eligibility documents deadline.
- **March 9th:** Written speech narrative must be received by FAD.

Official Contest Rules

1. **Speech Length:** Must be between **4 to 5 minutes**.
 - *Penalty:* 1 point deducted for every 15 seconds over or under the limit.
2. **Originality:** Speeches must be written by the contestant and delivered in English. Plagiarism will result in disqualification or loss of points.
3. **Prohibitions:** * No audience prompters (results in disqualification).
 - No PowerPoint or Prezi presentations.
 - No props (use of props results in a 10-point loss).
 - No mention of specific parents, schools, or individuals that could harm reputations.
4. **Permitted Items:** Notes (paper or digital). A lectern/podium will be provided.

Judging Criteria (100 Total Points)

- **Content of Speech (40 pts):** Material organization, adherence to subject, logic, coherence, and use of figures of speech.
- **Delivery and Presentation (35 pts):** Voice quality (tone/pitch), continuity (no halting), enunciation, and effective gestures.
- **Overall Effectiveness (15 pts):** General impression and appeal of the speech.
- **Poise (10 pts):** Composure, appearance, and personality.

Contact & Submission

- **Email:** Carol Willis (carol.willis@comcast.net)
- **Phone:** 706-766-8880

Application for 2026 Floyd Against Drugs Oratorical Contest

Theme: "Life is a Puzzle, Solve it Drug Free"

Contestant Information

- Full Name: _____
- Address: _____
- Telephone: _____
- Email: _____
- Age (as of Jan 1, 2026): _____
School Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Permission

By signing below, I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.

- Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
- Date: _____

Media Release

I, _____ (print first and last name), **DO / DO NOT** (circle one) grant Floyd Against Drugs permission to use a picture and/or video of my child/ward for public relations purposes.

Submission Checklist

Please ensure the following items are submitted by **March 5th**

- Completed Application Form
- Proof of Residency (Utility bill or parent/guardian ID)
- Proof of Age and School Enrollment (DS-1 form or Home Study declaration)
- Written Speech Copy (Due by **March 9th**)

Submit Speech by email to carol.willis@comcast.net

Deadline to submit speech is **March 9, 2026**

For questions please call Carol Willis at 706 766 8880