



AAUW California Speech Trek

AAUW Roseville South Placer

Eleanor Stem Allen Memorial Speech Trek Contest

Student Toolkit

2023-2024

ATTENTION:

Final Speech Trek contest will take place in-person at Kilaga Springs Presentation Hall, Lincoln, CA

February 9, 2024 at 4:00

California State Final Contest will be held virtually this year on March 15, 2024

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2023-2024 SPEECH TREK SPEECH CONTEST TOPIC

Topic: How can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?

Background:

An educated population is essential to a nation's prosperity, according to many world leaders.

If so, then what is the best way to ensure a robust and accurate public-school education?

Imagine you could design your own high school curriculum:

1. What topics would you include and why?
2. Would there be topics you would exclude?
3. How would you ensure the accuracy of your curriculum?
4. Who would you designate as the final decision maker of your course content?

These questions arise as school curricula, textbooks, and library resources are undergoing changes across the country which will impact students of all ages and backgrounds.

Are these changes beneficial or detrimental to what you learn in school?

Throughout history, leaders around the world have credited education as the main driver of prosperity and democracy, including in the United States ¹. This finding leads us to the even bigger question :

How can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?

¹ "The real safeguard of democracy...is education." Franklin D. Roosevelt

¹ "Education is the road to equality and citizenship." Martin Luther King

CONTEST INFORMATION

Eligibility: Speech Trek is open to all actively attending **high school students**.

Deadlines:

Student Application Deadline is **January 24, 2024 at 5pm**

Send pages 6 and 8 of Student Application form to: **Jenny Griffin, Speech Trek Application Coordinator**

Email: ashlandgrandma@gmail.com

Cell: **(916) 409-5055**

Semi-Finals: **Saturday February 3, 2024, Whitney High School, Rocklin, 10am**

Finals: **Friday, February 9, 2024, Kilaga Springs Presentation Hall, Lincoln, 4:00pm**

State Finals: **Friday, March 15, 2024, Virtual Content**

Time Limits: Students are to prepare an original 5:00-6:00 minute speech, with a 30-second grace period on either side. **Speaking under 4:30 or over 6:30 will result in disqualification.**

Presentation: These presentations are to be original speeches. Appropriate use of **one** 4" x 6" note card is an option-
-prompting is not allowed.

Judging: During the state semifinal and final competitions, judges shall use the official ballot and score each speaker in two areas: Content (includes Introduction, Organization, and Conclusion), 0-50 points and Delivery, 0-50 points. Branches may opt to use their own judge's ballot at the local level. Students are advised to request a copy of their branch's judge's ballot.

Prizes: Sponsored by the Gray Allen Family in honor of Eleanor Stem Allen

1st Place. \$1200; 2nd Place \$800; 3rd Place \$600; 4th Place \$300. 5th Place \$100

Branch Winner: Each participating branch will post the video of their winning speech online (via YouTube) by **March 15, 2024**. The state Speech Trek judges will identify five finalists, two of whom will be named as Honorable Mention. The judges will award the 4th place finalist with \$250 and the 5th place finalist with \$150. A new panel of three judges will view the top three finalists' videos and determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The top three finalists' videos will be showcased at the virtual AAUW California Annual Event on April 27, 2024. Winners will be announced at that time.

State Finalists: First place winner at the state contest will receive \$1500; second place winner at the state contest will receive \$1000; and third place winner at the state contest will receive \$500. If held live, travel expenses, lodging, and meals for each finalist and her/his chaperone will be reimbursed by Speech Trek. Families should contact the Speech Trek Program Director for the spending limits on reimbursable expenses.

Your School Contact is: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch Contact is: Denise Hexom

Phone (916) 759-0196

Email: dhexom@mac.com

Your Speech Contest Application Coordinator is: Jenny Griffin Phone

(916) 409-5055

Email: ashlandgrandma@gmail.com

STUDENT APPLICATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Student Name

Address:

Email:

Phone:

High School Attending:

School Advisor/Counselor:

My signature below certifies that I wish to participate in the AAUW California Speech Contest and that I have received and read the following forms:

■ Student Instructions

■ Judge's Instructions & Ballot

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Information and Permission:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

My signature below certifies that I have read the rules for the speech contest and wish for my child to participate in the AAUW California Speech Trek Contest. In addition, I understand that my child's name may be publicized locally as a contest participant, and that the speech will be recorded for higher-level competition and selection of finalists.

If my child is selected as the 1st place branch winner or one of three state finalists, I understand that the video of my child's competition speech may be posted online (see videos of previous speakers at: [aauw-ca.org/Programs/Project/Speech Trek](http://aauw-ca.org/Programs/Project/Speech%20Trek)) or used to promote the contest in subsequent years. I understand I will need to sign an AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE, prior to my child's participation in the competition.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this application to your local branch contact:

Email: _____ Phone: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE

AAUW Speech Trek Contest

The undersigned participant of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Speech Trek Contest and the participant's parent or guardian hereby declare that they have read and understand all of the rules and conditions for the contest and that the undersigned has met all eligibility requirements on the date their contest entry was submitted.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent that the speech submitted to the contest (the "Entry") is the participant's own original creation, and that the participant has perpetrated no fraud or deception in entering the contest or claiming any prize.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent and warrant that neither she/he nor any parent or guardian is an employee of AAUW, or its related, parent, affiliated and subsidiary companies, advertising and promotion agencies, or the panel of judges, nor is she/he or any parent or guardian connected with them in any way.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian irrevocably grant to AAUW, its successors and assigns and all other persons deriving rights from them, all rights, title and interest in the undersigned's Entry in perpetuity, to print, publish, broadcast, use or modify in any manner in any media whatsoever the Entry as submitted for the contest to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

In addition, the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian grant to AAUW, its successors and assigns and all other persons deriving rights from them, the right to use the participant's name, likeness and/or voice and biographical information, and city of residence for promotional purposes in any medium without compensation, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian hereby waive the opportunity and any right to inspect or approve any such promotion, printing, broadcast use or publication, and further release AAUW, its successors and assigns from all liability in connection with any such promotion, printing, broadcast, use or publication.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian hereby release and hold harmless AAUW and its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all losses, claims or damages that may result, directly or indirectly, from participation in the contest or use of the prize award. The undersigned understands that any and all local, state or federal tax liability for the award will be the responsibility of the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian further acknowledge and agree that the contest prize is non-transferable, and that no substitution of prizes will be allowed, except by the AAUW due to the unavailability of prizes at the time of the award.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian understand that AAUW is proceeding with the award of any prize in the contest in express reliance on this release and the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent and agree that they are free to grant the rights set forth in this release.

The undersigned contest participant and the participant's parent or guardian hereby attest that they have read and understand all the foregoing provisions of this affidavit and agree to be bound by the same.

Signature of contest participant

Date

Type or print name of contest participant

Participant's current address

Telephone number

Signature of parent/guardian (if contest participant is under 18 years of age)

Print name of parent or guardian

Dated: _____

SPEECH TREK JUDGE'S SCORING BALLOT

AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch

JUDGE'S # _____ ROOM # _____

CONTESTANT'S NAME: _____ SPEAKING # _____

DIRECTIONS: Place a scoring number at far right next to each category

The TOTAL of all scores on this ballot must NOT TIE with another student you have judged.

	WEAK	FAIR	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT	SCORES
INTRODUCTION (5 pts) Engaging opener Thesis conveyed	1 - 2	3	4	5	_____

CONTENT (30 pts) Interesting--held attention Effective use of examples Well researched and cited	15 - 20	21 - 23	24 - 26	27 - 30	_____

ORGANIZATION (10 pts) Effective arrangement of ideas Main points easy to follow Transitions used	4 - 6	7	8	9 - 10	_____

CONCLUSION (5 Pts) Summary Clear sense of finality	1 - 2	3	4	5	_____

DELIVERY (50 Points) Diction, volume, projection Poise & confidence Energy & enthusiasm Eye contact Well prepared Appropriate movement & gestures	25 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 50	_____

TOTAL ALL SCORES _____/100

Judge's Printed Name _____ Judge's Signature _____

STOP! _____

IF contestant's time is under 4.30 min. or over 6.30 min., she/he is disqualified. The time will be entered below by the Tabulating Committee.