

CONTEST INFORMATION

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

Deadlines: Interested students must submit a "Student Application and Parent/Guardian Permission" notice to their local AAUW CA Branch.

Time Limits: Students are to prepare an original 5-6 minute speech with a 30 second grace period on either side. Speaking over 6:30 or under 4:30 minute time limit 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 Semi-Final and Final competition, Judges shall use the official ballot and score each speaker in each of the four areas: Content, 0-40 points; Organization, 0-10 points; and Delivery, 0-50 points. Branches may opt to use their own judges' ballot at the local level. Students are advised to request a copy of their Branch's judge's ballot.

Prizes: Each local Branch of AAUW CA will determine the level of award for their contestants.

Branch Winner: Each participating branch will post the video of their winning speech online by March 1. 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. The State Speech Trek judges will invite the top three finalists to compete for cash prizes at the AAUW CA State Convention/Annual Meeting in April.

State Finalists: The 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. Finalists and a chaperone will be invited to the State Convention/Annual Meeting. Travel expenses, lodging, and meals will be reimbursed by Speech Trek not to exceed approved budget.

Your School Contact is: _____

Your AAUW Contact is:

EGHS, PGHS, Franklin HS – Ann Arneill-Py, ann@arneill.com, 916.668.7371

MTHS, Florin HS, COHS, LCHS – Shari Beck, gsbeck@surewest.net; 916.451.5143; Mob.916.806.0180

SHS, VHS – Liz Jordan, lizjord@msn.com; 916.354.9608; Mob.916.768.7044

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STUDENT APPLICATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Student Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

High School Attending: _____

School Advisor/Counselor: _____

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

Contest Topic Contest Information 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 CA speech 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 1st Place Branch Winner, I understand that the video of my child's competition speech may be posted online (see videos of previous speakers at: aauw-ca.org>Mission Based Programs>Speech Trek) and/or used to promote the contest in subsequent years. I understand I will need to sign a Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Release prior to the final competition.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL BRANCH CONTACT:

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

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SPEAKER NAME: _____ **SPEAKING TIME:** _____

Assign a score in each of the following categories:

	<i>needs improvement</i>	<i>average/fair</i>	<i>excellent</i>	<i>superb/outstanding</i>
CONTENT	0	28 29 30	32 34 35	36 37 38 39 40

Evidence of audience analysis

Interesting--held attention

Effective use of example, story, illustration

Topic was obviously researched and referenced

There was a summary and clear sense of finality

ORGANIZATION	0	7	8	9	10

Effective arrangement of ideas

Main points were easy to follow

Transitions were used to signal movement from point to point

Material was appropriate for the topic and purpose

DELIVERY	0	35 36 37	40 42 44	46 48 49 50

Good diction, volume, rate, and projection

Displayed poise and confidence

Displayed energy and enthusiasm

Maintained eye contact with audience

Avoided distracting mannerisms

Extemporaneous delivery--not a reading

Well prepared

Demonstrated appropriate movement and gestures

Total: _____/100

Timekeeper will announce any disqualifications. If a speaker is disqualified, the speaker may **not** be ranked.

RANK THIS SPEAKER: (HIGH) #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 **(LOWEST) No ties allowed**

Judge's Signature _____

Judges must make independent decisions and are not to confer or discuss contestants with other judges prior to submitting final ballots. COMMENTS: Since there are no oral critiques, you may use the back of this page to offer your comments.

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