**page 3 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 (please see Page 4).

**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 Semi-Final and Final competition, 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**: 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, 2019**.

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 on **Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego.**

**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. Travel expenses, lodging, and meals for each finalist and her/his chaperone will be reimbursed by Speech Trek. Those expenses should not exceed approved budget.

Your School Contact is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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