



2018-2019

Speech Trek

Student Information and Forms

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SPEECH TREK CONTEST TOPIC FOR 2018-2019:

HOW CAN WE ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AIMED AT OUR SCHOOLS?

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice in a diverse society, AAUW advocates many issues--including freedom from violence, fear of violence and hate crimes--in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Unfortunately, American students are not free from violence. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif) pointed out a disturbing trend in our schools: "Since Sandy Hook (Dec. 14, 2012), around 250 schools have experienced a shooting. That's an average of around 50 a year, or one school shooting every week," she said. "It's astonishing that so many schools and so many children have suffered. Active shooter drills shouldn't be a way of life for our children, but sadly they are."

Singer Kelly Clarkson has also expressed sadness at the escalating level of violence in our schools, and stated that the time for 'moments of silence' is over. "Why don't we do a moment of action?" she asked. "Why don't we do a moment of change?"

In February, 2018, after their tragedy, the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, seized a moment for change. They created "March For Our Lives" and launched a national movement.

Three months later, another deadly school shooting took place, this time in Texas.

How can we--students, parents, faculty, our communities, and organizations such as AAUW--eliminate violence aimed at our schools? What actions can we take to prevent another tragedy from taking place?

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: _____ Email _____

Your AAUW Branch Contact is: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email _____

Your Speech Contest Coach is: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email _____



STUDENT APPLICATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION



Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Landline: _____ Cellphone: _____

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 (if different): _____

Email: _____ Landline: _____ Cellphone: _____

My signature below certifies that I have read the rules for the speech contest and wish for my child to participate in the 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 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>Mission Based Programs>Speech Trek) 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 her 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 her 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 my 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 my 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 participant
Contest Participant's Current Address,
Telephone Number and Social Security Number

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

Print name of parent or guardian

Dated: _____

Eleanor Stem-Allen Memorial Speech Contest

2018-2019 SPEECH TREK - JUDGES BALLOT

NAMES OF CONTESTANTS

Assign a score in the following categories	Need to Improve	Fair	Avg	Excellent	Superb/ Outstanding													
CONTENT - INTRODUCTION	0-1	2	3	4	5													
Interesting - held the audiences attention																		
CONTENT																		
Well prepared	0-6	7-12	13-18	19-24	25-30													
Evidence of audience analysis																		
Effective use of example,story,illustration																		
Well researched and referenced																		
CONTENT - ORGANIZATION																		
Effective arrangement of ideas	0-5	6	7	8	9-10													
Main points easy to follow																		
Transitions to move from point to point																		
Material appropriate for topic & purpose																		
CONTENT - CONCLUSION	0-1	2	2-3	4	5													
Summary and a clear sense of finality																		
DELIVERY																		
Good diction, volume, rate, projection	0-12	13-21	22-30	31-40	41-50													
Displayed poise and confidence																		
Displayed energy and enthusiasm																		
Maintained eye contact with audience																		
Avoided distracting mannerisms																		
Prepared delivery - not a reading																		
Appropriate movement and gestures																		
TOTAL FOR EACH SPEAKER																		
RANK SPKRS - High score = 1, Second = 2, Third = 3, Fourth = 4, Fifth = 5																		

Judge's Printed Name _____ Judge's Signature _____