



2018-2019



Speech Trek Contest

How can we eliminate violence
aimed at our schools?

Student Information and Forms

**Cash Prizes!*

Application deadline: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Submit pages 5-6 via email or U.S. postal mail to:

Steffanie Roche, Application Coordinator

AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch

email: stefroche916@gmail.com

address: 9571 Penwood Way, Granite Bay, CA 95746

Semi-final Round: Friday, February 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Whitney High School, Rocklin, CA

Local Final Round: Friday, February 15, 2019 at 4:30 PM
Kilaga Springs Lodge, Lincoln, CA

Winner from the local final round has the opportunity to advance to the State Final.

CA State Final: Saturday, April 6, 2019, San Diego (Travel/lodging/meals expenses reimbursed.)

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AAUW CA State Final: 1st place \$1,500; 2nd \$1,000; 3rd \$500; 4th \$250; 5th \$150

Sponsored by American Association of University Women

AAUW CA, AAUW Roseville-South Placer, and Gray Allen

SPEECH TREK CONTEST TOPIC FOR 2018-2019

TOPIC: *HOW CAN WE ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AIMED AT OUR SCHOOLS?*

Also, address the following questions:

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?

Background:

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.

CONTEST INFORMATION

Eligibility: The local Speech Trek competition is open to all actively attending high school students in South Placer County. The CA State Final is open to all California high school students who qualify to advance to State Final.

Application Deadline: Must be received by January 23, 2019

Submit "Student Application and Parent/Guardian Permission," AND "Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Release" (pages 5-6) via either email or US postal mail to:

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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.

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State Final: Saturday, April 6, 2019, Handlery Hotel, San Diego, CA (Travel, lodging, and meals reimbursed.)

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Local Final Winner may qualify for State Final: AAUW Roseville-South Placer 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 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.** 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.

Eleanor Stern-Allen Memorial Speech Contest

2018-2019 SPEECH TREK - JUDGES BALLOT

NAMES OF CONTESTANTS	
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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 FOREACH SPEAKER																								
RANK SPKRS - High score = 1, Second =2, Third =3, Fourth =4, Fifth =5																								

Judge's Printed Name _____	Judge's Signature _____
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STUDENT APPLICATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION



Complete pages 5 and 6

Print Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Personal Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cellphone: _____

High School Attending: _____ Current Grade: _____

Your School Contact Is: _____

Email of School Contact: _____ Phone: _____

For cash prizes, social security numbers will be required per IRS regulations.

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:

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (if different from student): _____

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. See page 6.

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

Continue to read and sign page 6, "Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Release"

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: _____

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

Print name of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

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