

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 California branch per the date set by that 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 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: Each local branch of AAUW California will determine the level of award for their contestants.

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 _____) optional

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Your Speech Contest Coach, if provided, is: _____
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