

**NEBRASKA WOMEN OF TODAY
EFFECTIVE WRITING
COMPETITION & CERTIFICATION RULES 6/2020**

EFFECTIVE WRITING COMPETITION

1. Any Nebraska Women of Today member is eligible to compete.
2. There will be no limit to the number of entries from each chapter.
3. Effective Writing for Fall Conference/Annual Convention should be submitted to the State Chaplain/PD Program Manager. Entry fee of \$5.00 must be included postmarked by the deadline date that has been set.
4. A designated topic will be published in July/January Gavel.
5. The essay should not exceed 500 words (counting words of four or more letters), should be typed, double-spaced and written in the best essay format. It should have a title other than the topic published by the State Chaplain/PD program manager. Avoid using proper names in the essay content.
6. A cover sheet giving the name, address and chapter of the author of the essay, the title of the essay, date and number of four (4) letter or more words should be attached. Four (4) copies of the essay should be submitted.
7. Judging will be completed prior to the State Meeting. A first place, second place, and third place winner will be awarded, granted there are enough entries received.
8. There will be a first, second and third place awarded at each State Meeting, granted there are enough competitors.
9. The winner will read her/his essay at the luncheon or banquet to be decided by the State President and State Chaplain/PD Program Manager.

**NEBRASKA WOMEN OF TODAY
EFFECTIVE SPEAKING COMPETITION**

STAT SHEET

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

LOCAL CHAPTER:

TITLE OF SPEECH:

Date Received: _____

Entry Fee Received: _____

EFFECTIVE WRITING COMPEITION **JUDGING SHEET**

Effective Writing Competitor _____

| CRITERIA | POSSIBLE POINTS | | | | | SCORE | COMMENTS |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|---|---|-------|----------|
| 1. Development of Theme | 20 | 16 | 12 | 8 | 4 | _____ | |
| 2. Content | | | | | | | |
| a) Organization | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | _____ | |
| b) Continuity of Ideas | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | _____ | |
| c) Clarity – easy to understand | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | _____ | |
| 3. Originality | 20 | 16 | 12 | 8 | 4 | _____ | |
| 4. Overall Effectiveness | 15 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 3 | _____ | |
| 5. Word Usage and Grammar | 15 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | _____ | |
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| 65-70 Points = 1 st Place | e | y | d | r | r | | |
| 64-61 Points = 2 nd Place | l | | | | | | |
| 50-56 Points = 3 rd Place | l | G | | | | | |
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| ADDITIONAL COMMENTS | TOTAL SCORE | | | | | _____ | |