



2017-2018

# Speech Trek Contest

How can we stand up to sexism?

**\*Cash Prizes!**

**For South Placer High School Students**

**Sponsored by**

**AAUW Roseville-South Placer  
American Association of University Women**



**Application deadline: Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

**Mail or email pages 5 thru 7 to:**

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**Semi-Final Round: Friday, February 9, 2018 at 5:00 PM,**

Whitney High School, Rocklin, CA

**Local Final Round: Friday, February 16, 2018, at 4:00 PM**

Kilaga Springs Lodge. 1187 Sun City Blvd, Lincoln, CA

**State Final Round: Saturday, April 28, 2018, Irvine Marriott, Irvine, CA**

(Transportation/meals/lodging provided for student and chaperone.)

**\*Cash Prizes:**

Local Final: 1st place, \$850; 2nd: \$550; 3rd: \$300; 4th: \$100; 5th: \$100

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

## SPEECH TREK SPEECH CONTEST TOPIC FOR 2017-2018:

# HOW CAN WE STAND UP TO SEXISM?

How can we stand up to sexism? What can individuals and organizations such as AAUW do to break down stereotypes and biases in school, at work, in the military and in our communities?

Actress Emma Watson created the **HeForShe** campaign, which states in part: “Both men and women should feel free to be sensitive. Both men and women should feel free to be strong...it is time that we all perceive gender on a spectrum, not as two opposing sets of ideals. If we stop defining each other by what we are not and start defining ourselves by what we are--we can all be freer and this is what **HeForShe** is about. It’s about freedom.”

According to Britannica.com, sexism is defined as “*prejudice or discrimination based on sex or gender, especially against women and girls. Although its origin is unclear, the term sexism emerged from the so-called “second-wave” feminism of the 1960s through the ’80s and was most likely modeled on the civil rights movement’s term racism (prejudice or discrimination based on race). Sexism can be a belief that one sex is superior to or more valuable than another sex. It imposes limits on what men and boys can and should do and what women and girls can and should do. The concept of sexism was originally formulated to raise consciousness about the oppression of girls and women, although by the early 21st century it had sometimes been expanded to include the oppression of any sex, including men and boys, intersexual people, and transgender people.*”

## CONTEST INFORMATION

**Eligibility:** Speech Trek is open to all actively attending high school students in California.

**Deadlines:** Application must be received by Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Submit the following 3 forms (pages 5 thru 7): “Student Application,” “Parent/Guardian Permission,” & “Affidavit of Eligibility and Release.”

**Time Limits:** Students are to prepare an original 5-6 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 each of the four areas: Content, 0-40 points; Organization, 0-10 points; and Delivery, 0-50 points.

**Prizes: Local:** 1st: \$850; 2nd: \$550; 3rd: \$300; 4th: \$100; 5th: \$100

**State:** 1st: \$1,500; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500; 4th: \$250; 5th: \$150

**Branch Winner:** Each participating branch will post the video of their winning speech online by March 1, 2018. The State Speech Trek judges will identify five finalists, two of whom will be named as Honorable Mention. The judges will award the 4<sup>th</sup> place finalist with \$250 and the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 in April 28, 2018.

**Note:** For the AAUW-CA State Final in Irving, Saturday, April 28, 2018, travel expenses, lodging, and meals for each finalist and her/his chaperone will be reimbursed by Speech Trek.

**EXAMPLE SPEECH TREK JUDGE'S BALLOT**  
**AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch**

**SPEAKER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPEAKING NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Assign a score in each of the following categories:*

	<i>Weak</i>				<i>average/fair</i>				<i>excellent</i>				<i>superb/outstanding</i>				
<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>

- Evidence of audience analysis*
- Interesting--held attention*
- Effective use of example, story, illustration*
- Topic was obviously researched and referenced*
- There was a summary and clear sense of finality*

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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- Effective arrangement of ideas*
- Main points were easy to follow*
- Transitions were used to signal movement from point to point*
- Material was appropriate for the topic and purpose*

<b>DELIVERY</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>
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- Good diction, volume, rate, and projection*
- Displayed poise and confidence*
- Displayed energy and enthusiasm*
- Maintained eye contact with audience*
- Avoided distracting mannerisms*
- Extemporaneous delivery--not a reading*

- Well prepared*
- Demonstrated appropriate movement and gestures*

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_/100

*Timekeeper will announce any disqualifications. If a speaker is disqualified, the speaker may **not** be ranked.*

**RANK THIS SPEAKER: (HIGH) #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 (LOWEST) No ties allowed**

**Judge's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*Judges must make independent decisions and are not to confer or discuss contestants with other judges prior to submitting final ballots. COMMENTS: Since there are no oral critiques, you may use the back of this page to offer your comments.*

## STUDENT APPLICATION

**DEADLINE:** Pages 5 thru 7 must be received by January 24, 2018

Print Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Your School Contact Is: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of School Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*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:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Continue: Read and Sign Pages 5-7***

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND PERMISSION**  
**For Speech Trek Contest 2017-2018**

**Print Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTINUE: BOTH STUDENT AND PARENT, PLEASE READ AND SIGN PAGE 7, "AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE."**

## AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE

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 student participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Type or print name of participant \_\_\_\_\_

Contest participant's current address, \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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