

2019-2020



# Speech Trek Contest

Student Information & Application

*Cash Prizes!*

**TOPIC:** Are men and women truly equal today, or are the suffragists of 1920 still suffering in 2020?

## Cash Prizes

**Local Final:** 1st place \$900; 2nd \$500; 3rd \$300; 4th \$100; 5th \$100

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

## Contest Dates

**Semi-Final:** Friday, February 14, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Whitney High School Library, 701 Wildcat Blvd, Rocklin, CA

**Local Final:** Friday, February 21, 2020 at 4:00 PM

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

**State Final:** Saturday, April 18, 2020

Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel. Travel, lodging, and meals for each State finalist and a chaperone will be reimbursed, per an approved budget.

## Apply ASAP

**Application Deadline: Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

**Application Parts I and II: See pages 5 & 6**

## Contact:

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## Sponsors

*The Gray Allen Family*

*American Association of University Women CA (AAUW)*

*AAUW Roseville-South CA Placer Branch*

## TOPIC & RESOURCES: 2019-2020 AAUW SPEECH TREK CONTEST

### **TOPIC: ARE MEN AND WOMEN TRULY EQUAL TODAY, OR ARE THE SUFFRAGISTS OF 1920 STILL SUFFERING IN 2020?**

What can women, men, the media, and organizations such as AAUW do to ensure and sustain equality for women and men?

#### **Background Information and Resources:**

Women have been marching toward equality for over a century, starting with the Women's March of 1913 and continuing to the Women's Marches at present.

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..."* —The Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions, Seneca Falls Conference, 1848. These words, written 171 years ago, proclaimed equality between men and women.

Abigail Adams urged her husband to "remember the ladies" when drafting our country's founding documents: *"I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."* Has society "remembered the ladies"?

#### **Articles:**

- "A suffragette is a woman who ought to have more sense," NY Times, 1906
- "Female Patients: It's Not All in Your Head" Daily Journal, July 31, 2017
- "The Danger of 'Boys Will Be Boys'," Psychology Today, March 17, 2014
- "Female Mechanics Spark Gender Revolution in Iraq Society," USA Today, July 24, 2017
- "What it Looks Like to Have a Record Number of Women in the House of Representatives," CPR.org January 4, 2019
- "The Roots of Sexism in Silicon Valley," Altaonline.com , October 10, 2017
- "In the Tech Industry, Sexism is in the Water," Los Angeles Times, August 9, 2017
- "People Cheered the Release of Nigeria's Chibok Girls—but thousands of others were kidnapped, raped, and forgotten," Los Angeles Times, June 19, 2017

**AAUW RESOURCES.** See National and State websites: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org)

#### **2018 STRATEGIC PLAN: Advancing Equity for Women & Girls**

##### **• EDUCATION & TRAINING**

- "Women Hurt Most by Student Loan Crisis," May 6, 2019
- "This Doesn't Add Up: School Data on Sexual Harassment/Bullying," 2013-2014
- "We Love Title IX" click on STEM: "Girls underrepresented in STEM classes"

##### **• ECONOMIC SECURITY**

- "Soccer & Salaries: US Women's Nat'l Team Fights for Equality," July 9, 2019
- The Simple Truth Learn about the US national gender pay gap and how women are affected
- "How AAUW is making a difference:Salary Negotiation Trainings" (AAUW Roseville=South Placer has been presenting Start Smart salary negotiation workshops for 10 years at Sierra College.)

##### **• LEADERSHIP**

- Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership, 2018
- "10 Women Who Belong on the \$10 Bill," October 14, 2015, Tip: Enter title in Search Button in Issues
- "5 Ways to #StandUptoSexism," February 10, 2017
- Search NCCWSL: AAUW's national leadership conference

## **CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS**

**Eligibility:** The AAUW Roseville-South Placer's **Speech Trek Contest** is open to all actively attending high school students in South and West Placer County, whether from public, private, home-school or continuation high schools. Students who were previously selected as one of the top three finalists for the CA STATE FINAL may not compete again.

**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 Local Semi-Final and Local Final competitions, judges will use the AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch's scoring ballot. (sample p. 4). If a student advances to the State Final, she/he will receive a sample copy of the State's judge's ballot. Judge's will score each speaker in two areas: Content (includes Introduction, Organization and Conclusion), 0-50 points; and Delivery, 0-50 points.

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**State Final: Saturday, April 18, 2020,** Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel, Millbrae, CA.

Local Final Winner may qualify for CA State Final. AAUW Roseville-South Placer Branch will post the video of the first place winner's speech online by March 1, 2020. 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 Finals at Convention/Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2020, at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel. Travel, lodging, and meals for each finalist and her/his chaperone will be reimbursed by Speech Trek. Those expenses should not exceed approved budget.

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**JUDGE'S #** \_\_\_\_\_ **ROOM #** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTESTANT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPEAKING #** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** Place a scoring number at far right next to each category  
The **TOTAL** of all scores on this ballot must **NOT TIE** with another student you have judged.

	<b>WEAK</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>VERY GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>SCORES</b>
<b>INTRODUCTION (5 pts)</b> Engaging opener Thesis conveyed	<i>1 - 2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	_____
<b>CONTENT (30 pts)</b> Interesting--held attention Effective use of examples Well researched and cited	<b>15 - 20</b>	<b>21 - 23</b>	<b>24 - 26</b>	<b>27 - 30</b>	_____
<b>ORGANIZATION (10 pts)</b> Effective arrangement of ideas Main points easy to follow Transitions used	<i>4 - 6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<b>9 - 10</b>	_____
<b>CONCLUSION (5 Pts)</b> Summary Clear sense of finality	<i>1 - 2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	_____
<b>DELIVERY (50 Points)</b> Diction, volume, projection Poise & confidence Energy & enthusiasm Eye contact Well prepared Appropriate movement & gestures	<b>25 - 34</b>	<b>35 - 39</b>	<b>40 - 44</b>	<b>45 - 50</b>	_____

**TOTAL ALL SCORES** \_\_\_\_\_/100

**Judge's Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**STOP!** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF contestant's time is under 4.30 min. or over 6.30 min., she/he is disqualified. The time will be entered below by the Tabulating Committee.**

**Disqualifying Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Part I: Student & Parent/Guardian Permission

**PRINT** Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Street** Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NEATLY Print Student's Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home 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. See page 6.*

***Parent/Guardian Signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT: Complete Application Part II: Page 6, "Affidavit of Eligibility & Liability Release"**

## Application Part II: Affidavit of Eligibility & 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.

**Print Name of Contest Participant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Contest Participant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contest Participant's Current Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print name of parent or guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** (if contest participant is under 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_

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