



SPEECH TREK 2021

March 6, 2021

**Forms and
Information**

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**AAUW of Salem
SPEECH TREK
2021 CONTEST INFORMATION**

Competition Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Location: This will be a virtual event held on Zoom.

Contest Theme: Women's Progress in Equity

Contestants are asked to prepare an expository speech addressing ONE of the following:

1. Discuss a historic or current woman who has excelled in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) field.
-Or-
2. Discuss a historic or current woman who has been an effective leader for equity and social justice.
-Or-
3. Discuss a historic or current woman who has been an effective leader in government.

We strongly encourage you to consider a woman of color, a woman who is LGBTQIA+, a woman with a disability, or a Native American woman for your speech. Questions you may consider when planning your speech are shown in speech guidance on page 3.

Register: at saalem-or.aauw.net or email the registration forms to dr.dellostritto@gmail.com

or mail to: AAUW of Salem
PO Box 2144
Salem, OR 97308

Please complete the registration **no later than 11:59 pm February 13, 2021**

Eligibility: Speech Trek is open to high school girls in 10th and 11th grades in the Cascade, Central, Dallas, Falls City, Gervais, North Santiam, Perrydale, Salem-Keizer, and Silver Falls Oregon school districts. Students in online academies and home-schooled students are welcome.

Time Limits: Students are to prepare an original 6 minute speech, with a 30 second grace period on either side. Speaking under the 5:30 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.

Participant limits: Speech Trek is limited to **20 participants chosen on a first come-first served** basis. Two rounds will be held at the same time. If you do not advance to the final round, you are free to leave. There will be a final round where the winners will be chosen.

Judging: During both rounds of 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). The official ballot is included on our website (saalem-or.aauw.net).

Finalists: First place winner will receive \$500, second place \$300, and third place \$200.

Speech guidance: You may choose to address one or more of these questions in your speech:

What is their educational background?

What challenges did they face?

What leadership skills do/did they demonstrate?

In what area(s) of equity or social justice did this person excel?

How has their work changed opportunities for young women today?

What barriers did they have to overcome?

What tactics did they use to overcome obstacles?

How did they succeed despite these barriers?

What legal or cultural obstacles made leadership difficult?

How have others built upon the foundation they established?

Questions: Contact Mary Ellen Dello Stritto via email at dr.dellostritto@gmail.com.

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STUDENT APPLICATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Student Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

High School Attending: _____

School Advisor/Counselor: _____

Home School: _____

My signature below certifies that I wish to participate in the AAUW of Salem Speech Contest and that I have received and read the contest information.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Information and Permission:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

My signature below certifies that I have read the rules for the speech contest and wish for my child to participate in the AAUW of Salem 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 winner or one of the finalists, I understand that the video of my child's competition speech may be posted online 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: _____ Date: _____

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 they 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 are they 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

Contest Participant Name _____

Street address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Area Code/Telephone Number _____

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

Print name of parent/guardian

Dated: _____