

# Speech Scholarship Competition | March 5, 2022

Please read all the information below carefully. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Chuck Ehrman at 240-283-3207 or email him at [cwehrman@olgchs.org](mailto:cwehrman@olgchs.org).

## When is the competition? Saturday, March 5, 2022

8:00-8:20 a.m. Registration in the school's Dining Hall.

*(Complimentary juice, water, coffee, donuts, fruit will be available.)*

8:20-8:30 a.m. Welcome & Information

8:45-11:45 a.m. Preliminary Rounds of Competition

- Students will be divided into small groups of 5 or 6 and will deliver their **performance pieces** in classrooms. Each room will have two judges.
- Students deliver their pieces in the "open space" in the front of the classroom.
- Students will have three chances to give their performance pieces, each time with a different subset of fellow competitors and each time with different judges.

12:00-12:45 p.m. Final Round of Competition & Awards

- The top six speakers will be invited to compete a fourth time. These students are the ones who qualify for the scholarships.

## What do student competitors need to do to participate?

Students need to prepare **ONE** of the following **PERFORMANCE PIECES**:

### Option A: SPEECH:

Students can compose **one** 4-6 minute original speech on any topic of their choosing. The purpose of the speech can be to persuade, inform, inspire, and/or entertain.

OR

Students can prepare **one** 4-6 minute cutting of someone else's speech (a political speech, a eulogy, a commencement address, etc.).

While memorization is not required, great familiarity with the speech is.

### Option B: DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE:

Students can prepare **one (or more)** monologue(s) from a published play(s) in order to fill 4-6 minutes of performance time. The monologue should allow the student to showcase his/her ability to embody a character and to convey the appropriate emotion. Scripts from tv shows/movies are acceptable.

While memorization is not required, great familiarity with the monologue is.

### Option C: DRAMATIC READING:

Students can prepare **one** 4-6 minute dramatic reading from a piece of prose (cutting from a novel, a short story, or a children's story).

OR

Students can prepare **one (or more)** piece(s) of poetry in order to fill 4-6 minutes of performance time.

While memorization is not required, great familiarity with the piece(s) is.

**What are the judges looking for?** Familiarity | Eye Contact | Expressiveness | Pacing | Poise

**What are the scholarship amounts?** All scholarships are four year renewable scholarships.

1<sup>st</sup> place: \$4,000 | 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$3,500 | 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$3,000 | 4<sup>th</sup> place: \$2,750 | 5<sup>th</sup> place: \$2,500 | 6<sup>th</sup> place: \$2,250

**If a student accepts a scholarship, what are the requirements?**

- Students must be eighth graders and must be accepted by and then enroll in Good Counsel.
- Students must be participating members on the school's Speech and Debate team (minimum of six Saturday league tournaments and the necessary practice time).

**What is high school Speech & Debate like?**

- Check out the National Speech and Debate Association website (NSDA) [speechanddebate.org](http://speechanddebate.org)



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