

2005 SPEECH CONTEST

THEME: "Celebrate Conservation"

Rules

1. Contestants must be high school students, grades 9-12 for the 2005-2006 school year.
2. Any prior state winner is not eligible as a contestant.
3. Contestants must have an interest in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment.
4. Each contestant must fill out or submit an application form to the Idaho County Soil Conservation District Office District Assistant, Jessica Wells before September 30, 2004. Contestants will then be contacted to schedule a time for their speech to be judged at the District level.
5. **LENGTH:** The speech shall last at least three minutes and not more than five minutes, including the salutation and title. Contestants will not give their name at any time during the speech.
6. **No props or visual aids will be allowed.**
7. Speech must be contestant's original text, researched and written by the contestants. **Notes will be allowed at the District level ONLY.**
8. There shall be three judges and a timekeeper for each Speak-off.
9. Any questions arising during the state level speak-off shall be decided by the speak-off chairperson and the IASCD education chairperson.
10. Contestants who advance from the District level must compete at the Division level (Sometime in October) in order to advance to the State level (competition scheduled for sometime in November).
11. The IASCD Auxiliary provides the state level funds and the prize money generated as an educational award to be used for advanced education by the students.
First place \$250 Second place \$150 Third Place \$100 Fourth place \$75

The speech contest takes its theme from NACD's annual Soil and Water Stewardship Week. Here are some tips while preparing your speech:

- ◆ Highlight the benefits conservation has brought to our great state/country
- ◆ Answer how conservation has improved the lives of people
- ◆ Celebrate 50 years of soil and water stewardship