

# SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND ORIGINALITY



All contestants must complete this form before the contest and submit it to the chief judge at each level of competition.

Club No. \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility (To be completed for all contests)

I certify that I am eligible to compete, under the current speech contest rules. I am a paid member of a club in good standing and meet all other eligibility requirements.

To be eligible to compete in any official Toastmasters speech contest, a member must be a paid member of a club in the area, division, and district in which he or she is competing. The club must also be in good standing. In addition, to be eligible to compete in the International Speech Contest, a member must have completed at least six speech projects in the *Competent Communication* manual or earned certificates of completion in Levels 1 and 2 of any path in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience prior to the club contest. Contestants in speech contests other than the International contest do not need to meet this requirement.

The following are ineligible to compete in any Toastmasters speech contest:

- a) A member serving as a voting judge or tiebreaking judge beyond the club level for a contest type in which the member is still competing or intends to compete
- b) Incumbent international officers and directors
- c) Region advisors or region advisor applicants
- d) District officers whose terms expire June 30:
  - 1. District director
  - 2. Program quality director
  - 3. Club growth director
  - 4. Administration manager
  - 5. Finance manager
  - 6. Public relations manager
  - 7. Division director
  - 8. Area director
- e) International officer and director candidates
- f) Immediate past district governors
- g) District officers or candidates campaigning for elected positions for the term beginning the upcoming July 1
- h) Presenters of education sessions, contest chairs, contest Toastmasters, chief judges and event committee chairs for the event at which the contest will be held, including area, division, and district events, as well as the International Convention

Contest chairs, chief judges, voting judges, tiebreaking judges, timers, counters, sergeants at arms and test speakers may not compete in the contest at which they are serving.

Toastmasters who are members in more than one club and who meet all other eligibility requirements are permitted to compete in each club contest in which paid membership is held. No contestant can compete in more than one area speech contest of a given type, even if the two areas are in different divisions or districts.

Contestants must maintain eligibility at all levels of any contest. If at any level it is determined that a contestant was ineligible to compete at any previous level, the contestant must be disqualified. This disqualification must occur even if the ineligibility is discovered at a later level and has been corrected.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

## Originality (To be completed for all contests)

Name of Contest (check one):     Humorous     Tall Tales     International     Evaluation     Table Topics®

Contest Level:     Club     Area     Division     District     Semifinal     World Championship

Date of Contest: \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Title: \_\_\_\_\_

In compliance with current speech contest rules, I certify that the content of my speech is or will be substantially original.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name