

## Speech Contest Information 2025-2026

District is divided into three zones:

Northern- Jay Wucher Zone Coordinator

Western- Cecelia Koon Coordinator

Eastern- Jim Kielt Coordinator

Clubs may send up to two winners to the zone contest. If the club winner(s) is unable to attend their assigned Zone contest due to a valid reason (school function, family emergency etc.) contact the District Chair as soon as possible. A winner may attend another Zone contest with approval from the District Chair. **Clubs will need to hold their contests by mid-March due to the Zone level contest dates. (See #6 below)**

There is a \$100.00 entry fee for EACH club contestant sent to the zone contest. For example, if the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place contestants compete in the zone the fee would be \$200.00. Please make the checks out to District 6920, for the appropriate amount, and mail to: Elizabeth Hardin, Treasurer, P. O. Box 244, Macon, GA 31202-0244

All high school students, including home schooled, are eligible to participate. Any student who has won at the club or zone level previously is eligible to compete again as long as they remain a high school student.

The theme this year is **"Unite for Good"**. Contestants may also use the "4-way test".

Zone level contests are scheduled for April 18, 2026 - Western, March 28, 2026 - Northern, with Eastern April 11, 2026.

District Conference will be May 1 – May 3, 2026, in Macon, GA. The winner from each zone **MUST** present their speech at District Conference to receive the scholarship money. There are **no** exceptions to this rule!

Speech contest guidelines and forms are posted on the website.

Go to [www.rotarydistrict6920.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6920.org)

At the top of the page click on District Programs. From the dropdown select Youth Programs and the Preston Johnson Speech Contest. This link includes general information, contact information for the District Chair and Zone Coordinators, the zone each club is assigned to, the Judges form and Club contest finalist form (needs to be sent to the appropriate zone coordinator and District Chair).

This page will also list the dates and venues for the zone level contests once they have been determined.

Please feel free to call the District Chair or Zone Coordinators for any questions.

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