



GUIDELINES

Junior Public Speaking Competition



Introduction

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award is a national competition conducted through Australian Secondary Schools and Colleges and seeks to contribute to the personal development of 12-14 year old students by encouraging the best use of spoken English.

The aim of the Award is to enhance students' oral communication skills and to help young people appreciate the **ideals** of Legacy – **voluntary service, social justice, caring, personal sacrifice and/or mateship.**

Two students from the State final will be chosen to represent SA in the National Final to be held in November in a State to be notified. The prize will include airfares and accommodation costs for the Student and one parent and a special prize from Adelaide Legacy.

Conditions of Entry

The Conditions of Entry in this competition are on pages 2 and 3. Contestants are to be familiar with the requirements of these Conditions.

General Guidelines

Following is a list of guidelines for the contestants participating in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition.

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award (competition) **is not debating, elocution or acting.** The Award is concerned with the speaker's use of language to convey a message or a point of view to an interested audience. Choice of words, intonation, articulation, pace and pausing are all-important in getting the message across. Anything which hinders the transmission of meaning should be avoided.

For example:

1. Unnecessary and inappropriate gestures
2. Affected pronunciation
3. Over use of dramatics
4. Unnecessary movement around the stage
5. Irrelevant humour, and
6. Mannerisms which divert attention from the subject of the speech.

Each contestant will be required to deliver two speeches:

Prepared Speech Criteria

The prepared speech should be of five (5) minutes duration on a topic of the contestant's choosing, **relating to at least one of the ideals of Legacy which are voluntary service, social justice, caring, personal sacrifice and/or mateship.**

The speech should have substance which, in the time available, should be developed logically to a convincing conclusion. Judges will be looking for knowledge of the subject matter, sincerity in the presentation of material, skilful development of the theme and the effective use of plain English. Originality is encouraged.

A warning bell will be given after four minutes, then at five minutes.



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Impromptu Speech Criteria

The impromptu speech is to be two (2) minutes duration with five (5) minutes preparation time allowed.

The topic chosen will be broad in nature, capable of a variety of interpretations to suit the experience and background of 12 to 14 year olds. The same topic is given to each competitor.

The speech is intended to reveal a competitor's ability to develop a point of view on a general topic and to organise a presentation within limited preparation time.

Judges will be looking for clarity of thought, logical organisation, sincerity and the effective use of plain English.

A warning bell is given after 1½ minutes, then at 2 minutes.

PLEASE NOTE:

Assessment

Contestants should note that judges are required to give **equal consideration** to both speeches in the allocation of marks.

Judging is a subjective process but will always be related to the nominated criteria and guidelines. A guide to these criteria is attached as Annex A.

Other factors to be considered in judging the competition include :

- **Speech Notes.** Speech notes are not to be used by competitors in the presentation of their speeches. Cue or palm cards are permitted; however, their use is to be unobtrusive and should not affect the speaker's visual engagement.
- **Microphones.** Public speaking includes the ability to project the voice to an audience, therefore the use of a microphone is discouraged. A microphone however will be available for use if the competitor so chooses.
- **Lecterns.** Lecterns create a physical barrier between the speaker and the audience and detract from the presentation; therefore the use of a lectern is generally not permitted.

Conditions of Entry

Entry requirements are:

- a. Competitors must be aged 12 or above, but under 15 years of age on 1st January in the year of the competition.**
- b. Competitors, or a teacher on their behalf, must complete the required entry form and agree to abide by the conditions of entry before entries can be accepted.
- c. Speech content must be the original work of the competitor.
- d. Organisers reserve the right to reproduce competitors' speeches.
- e. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.



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- f. Competitors in the national final are to provide typed (printed) copies of their prepared speeches at the conclusion of the competition.
- g. Competitors are to wear school uniform or an appropriate alternative if a uniform is not part of a school's requirement.**
- h. Provided that a competitor has not won a national final, they may compete more than once in the competition.

Prizes

All contestants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

All State Finalists will receive a Certificate of Commendation and a trophy. Two contestants will be selected in the State final to represent SA in the National Final. They will also receive a special prize which will include a fully paid trip interstate for the student and one parent to compete in the National Final.

In the National Final, the winning students' school will receive a perpetual trophy.

Award Timetable

Entries. Completed entries are to be lodged at Legacy House in Adelaide through School English / Public Speaking Coordinators by no later than Friday 11th May 2018. Legacy reserves the right to decline any late entry.

Competition. Heats will be held on Friday evening 25th May and Saturday morning 26th May 2018 at Legacy House, 102 Franklin Street, Adelaide 5000.

State Final. Friday evening 3rd August 2018 6.30pm at Legacy House.

National Final. Details to be confirmed.

Enquiries

Any enquiries or further information concerning the competition should be directed to: Geoff Banks, Legacy Club of Adelaide Inc., 102 Franklin Street, Adelaide SA 5000 (GPO Box 1367 Adelaide SA 5001). Tel: (08) 8231 9812 Fax: (08) 8231 7791
Email: gbanks@legacyadelaide.org.au

Requirements Of An Effective Speech

SUBJECT MATTER:

- ❖ Is the subject matter suitable and substantial?
- ❖ Is the speech original and intelligent in its exploration of the subject?
- ❖ Did the speaker develop the argument or line of thought logically and effectively?
- ❖ Was there a satisfactory conclusion which lent a sense of finality to the speech?
- ❖ Did the speech carry a worthwhile and convincing message?

PRESENTATION:

- ❖ Was the message or point of view conveyed in clear, correct, understandable and appropriate language?
- ❖ Were the pace, tone and volume suitable and effective?
- ❖ Did the speaker succeed in communicating effectively with the audience?
- ❖ Did the speaker avoid distractions?
- ❖ Was the speaker's style fluent and natural?
- ❖ Did the speaker make effective use of the standard speaking techniques?

IN BRIEF

The criteria for the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award could be used in any assessment of public speaking, whether in the classroom, in competition or in other settings.

An effective Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition speech:

- ❖ Is audible to all members of the audience.
- ❖ Is easy to follow.
- ❖ Is pitched to all members of the audience.
- ❖ Uses cadences, modulation and pauses to good effect.
- ❖ Uses appropriate words and phrases ("...the right word in the right place" – Tennyson).
- ❖ Is sincere, genuine and honest.
- ❖ Avoids clichés, buzz words, colloquial expression and words which are so overused they have become virtually meaningless.
- ❖ Uses accepted pronunciation (for example, The Macquarie Dictionary).
- ❖ Is grammatical and pays attention to correct syntax.
- ❖ Avoids distracting mannerisms.
- ❖ Is not repetitive.
- ❖ Is logical in construction: has an unambiguous opening and a convincing conclusion.
- ❖ Is on a topic of importance/general interest.



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To be submitted to Legacy by Friday 11 May 2018

ENTRY FORM

1. CONTESTANT: (STUDENT'S NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

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(GIVEN NAMES) (FAMILY NAME)

2. DATE OF BIRTH:

3. HOME ADDRESS: POSTCODE:

4. TELEPHONE CONTACT:5. EMAIL CONTACT :

6. SCHOOL:

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: ()

SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS:

CONTACT TEACHER: PRINCIPAL:

7. SPECIAL INTERESTS / ACHIEVEMENTS :

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8*. **PREFERRED HEAT TIME** (if possible) ie Friday evening 25th May from 6pm
or
 Saturday morning 26th May 2018 from 9.00 am
(tick preference)

9. SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN:SIGNATURE OF STUDENT.....

* Every effort will be made to meet preferred time but cannot be guaranteed.

Please return entry form by 11th May 2018 to:
Adelaide Legacy, 102 Franklin Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8231 9812 Fax: (08) 8231 7791
Email: gbanks@legacyadelaide.org.au

AWARD TIMETABLE:

Entry forms are to be submitted by the above date to the address shown above. Schools may conduct their own contest to select their representatives (generally 2 students per school but up to 4 permitted). For more information please contact Geoff Banks at Legacy on 8231 9812. Heats will be held as above with the State final on Friday 3rd August 2018 at 6.30pm. The National Final will be held in November 2018 in a state to be advised.

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**STUDENT INFORMATION
(TO BE ATTACHED TO ENTRY FORM)**

Name: Male/Female: (please circle)		
Date of Birth:	/ Day Month Year	School:
Subjects Being Studied:		
Interests (Outside of School):		
Awards / Achievements:		
Short Term Goals:		
Long Term Goals:		
Speech Title:		
Home Address:		
Contact Phone No:		
Contact Email:		