



## **TASC Speech Contest (Rules and Procedures)**

1. Each school can submit only ONE speech contestant.
2. The speech must be a minimum of 2 1/2 minutes and a maximum of 4 minutes.
3. Contestants will receive time warnings (time remaining of 1 minute, 30 seconds, and stop) during the competition.
4. Use of index cards or one sheet of paper with a brief outline or key ideas of speech is permitted.
5. Props MAY NOT be used.
6. Competitors should be in proper business attire for the judging competition and presentation of speeches if awarded first place. Please take note of the convention's tentative agenda so that you will know when to bring your presentation attire.
7. The rubric includes the following items: reflects the convention theme, stays on topic, uses appropriate level of language, originality, diction, posture, poise, eye contact, gestures, voice.
8. Mail your speech paper-clipped to the "Speech Cover Sheet" by February 27, 2026. Send via certified mail with "receipt requested" from the post office and must be postmarked by February 27, 2026 to be considered.
9. The theme for the speech is always based on the title/theme of the convention. The 2026 theme is "The Mountain of Leadership Is Calling".

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