

Enlisting Speech Contestants

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Contestant requirements

- Member who has paid their dues
- Desire to learn
- Motivated to make best effort
- Committed to participating

Enlistment steps

- Announce the contest date and time, venue, etc.
 - Encourage all members (who don't already have a role) to consider competing
 - Describe the value and benefits for contestants
 - A tremendous learning experience
 - Opportunity to compete with others
 - Chance to move on to higher level contests: area, division, etc.
- Talk with each member individually to encourage them to compete
- Make it easy for someone to sign up as a contestant

Keep contestants committed

- Regularly check in with each contestant to encourage and ask how they are progressing
- Don't coach them – that's unfair
- Support and encourage them by expressing your positive expectations for them