



1. Students in grades 9-12 may participate in the speak-off contest, including home school students.
 2. Speeches shall be 4-5 minutes in length.
 3. Topics will be limited to the following areas: Hunger, Environment, Vision, Youth or Public Service. Speeches must be original, not copied from some other source.
 4. Notes may be used for the speech contest, but speakers will not be allowed to read from a manuscript.
 5. Speakers should prepare speeches prior to the contest. The speeches may be memorized if the speaker wishes to do so.
 6. Appropriate clothing should be worn for the contest.
 7. District winners will provide a live recording speech for the Multiple District contest.
 8. Each District Governor will be responsible for coordinating their District speak-off contest within their district. The Governor will also be responsible for obtaining a recording of the winning speech to be forwarded to Lion Gale Hyde for the MD5 Speak-off Contest.
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Other information:

1. Local lions club or Zones can sponsor a contest. Several clubs can get together and sponsor a contest. Let your schools know about the contest. For further information for judging ballot, please contact PDG Tim Thueson at tthueson@bis.midco.net.
 2. The winner of the local contest will then advance to the District competition. In the event that no local club or Zone contest is held, the District Governor can hold a district-wide contest. Please check with your District Governor for dates of the District competition.
 3. Winners from the District contest will send a video presentation of the winning speech to: Lion Gale Hyde at hidesoffargo@gmail.com before May 1, 2020. She will inform PDG Tim Thueson who the winners are from the MD 5 competition before May 21.
 4. Winners of the MD 5 competition will be announced at the MD 5 Convention in Brookings, SD, May 21-23, 2020. MD 5 Prizes are: 1st place- \$500.00, 2nd place- \$400.00, 3rd place- \$300.00, 4th – 6th place- \$100.00 each.
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Timeline:

- Contest at local or Zone can be done any time with 1 winning name or video presentation sent to your District Governor. Call your District Governor to see when your district contest will be held.
- Please note that the District Governor can also host a live contest for the District "Speak-off Contest".
- **District competition** must be complete before **May 1, 2020** so Governor can send winning speaker video link to Lion Hyde to be judged and winners announced before May 21, 2020.