



2019 Spelling Bee Information Page

The Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF) hosts the annual Arizona Spelling Bee. The winner of this bee will participate in the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Details regarding next steps for hosting and facilitating preliminary Spelling Bees are noted below.

REGISTRATION

1. Go to: <http://spellingbee.com/enrollment> to enroll your school with Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Scripps Early Bird Enrollment is from August 22, 2018 through October 15, 2018. The school fee is \$160 and the homeschool enrollment fee is \$110.

Regular enrollment for Scripps is from October 16, 2018 through January 30, 2019. The school fee is \$235 and the homeschool enrollment fee is \$185.

To be eligible to participate in your county or regional bee and ultimately in the Arizona Spelling Bee, schools must enroll with Scripps.

2. Download the 2019 Spelling Bee Instructions and 2019 Spelling Bee Rules.
Please note: the Rules will refer to District & Regional Bees

Those two documents should give you all the information you will need to run a successful bee at the school or district level.

TIMELINE

- August 22 to October 15, 2018
Scripps Early Bird Enrollment
- October 16, 2018 - January 30, 2019
Scripps Regular enrollment period.
- **DOES NOT APPLY TO OUR COUNTY:**

Schools must hold spelling bees on or before January 11, 2019 to be included in the next level of competition.

School coordinators must contact their district, LEA, Charter Management Organization/CMO, Education Management Organization/EMO, or equivalent education corporation coordinator (if applicable) or county/regional coordinator if the school is not part of a district, LEA, CMO or EMO to make sure the school bee is planned in time for the winner to be included in the next level of competition.
- **FEBRUARY 1st 2019**
District/Organizational/LEA/CMO/EMO Bees must be held by this date. To order a 2019 District Pronouncer Guide call 480-421-9376.
- **February 25, 2019 – OUR COUNTY BEE WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 12th, 2019**
County and Regional Bees must be held by this date. Suggested dates to hold County and Regional Bees are Friday, February 23 or Saturday, February 24, 2018.
- **March 4, 2019**
Biography forms from each county/regional winner(s) and a photograph(s) of him/her must be submitted to the Arizona Educational Foundation online here. This is also the deadline to be notified of any special needs accommodations at the Arizona State Spelling Bee.
- **Saturday March 23, 2019**
The Arizona State Spelling Bee will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Arizona PBS, 555 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85004. A pre-Bee lunch event for the finalists will be held. Details about the pre-Bee event and Bee itself will be conveyed by AEF to all finalists well in advance.
- **Late May, Early June 2019**
Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held in Washington, D.C.

OTHER DETAILS + REQUIREMENTS

Vocabulary

Four years ago, Scripps introduced a vocabulary component into the national competition. The vocabulary component will be an optional part of spelling bees leading up to the national competition. There will NOT be a vocabulary component at the 2019 AEF™ Arizona State Spelling Bee.

Private and Home-Schools

Winners of home-school and private school bees (so long as the home school and private schools are properly enrolled with Scripps) are eligible to participate in the program. Enrollment and eligibility requirements apply to home-schooled students and students who attend private school.

Please note: all students must participate in at least one spelling bee to qualify for competition in a county or regional bee. Coordinators of private school and home school bees should contact the appropriate county and regional coordinator in a timely manner to (a) advise the coordinator of the school's intended participation, (b) register to participate, and (c) learn when and where county or regional bees will be held.

Other

Each county sends one champion to the state competition with the following exceptions: Pima County sends two champions - its winner and first runner-up; Maricopa County Regions each send two contestants, the winner and first runner up from each of its six regions.

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A school winner's name MUST be reported to the appropriate next-level coordinator. Once the school winner(s) is reported, ensure that the student(s) have all the information they need to compete in the next-level bee.

Further Questions?

If you have further questions about your school or local bee, please contact the county or regional coordinator listed on AEF's website: <http://azedfoundation.org/programs/arizona-spelling-bee/>