



The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 229

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Dear Students and Teachers of Elora Public School

The Elora Legion Branch 229 invites the students of your school to participate in a Legion Public Speaking competition on Saturday, February 10th, 2018 at 12 p.m. Registration takes place at 11:30 a.m. and the event is held upstairs in the banquet room.

I have included an entry form and all rules and regulations in this package. Please note time limits for each age category. **Deadline for entries is February 8th**. I will contact the office the day before and pick up any entries on that Thursday morning.

This contest is run very similar to the Poster and Literary contest where students participate at Branch level and first place winners move on to Zone level in Harriston. Cash prizes are awarded to first, second and third place winners at all levels.

Public speaking is a great opportunity for students to showcase their oral communication skills. It is an experience that builds both confidence and self esteem.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to hosting this event in our community.

Yours truly

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**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMAND
PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION – ENTRY FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Age: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Language: English _____ French _____

My Topic:

I, the undersigned, grant The Royal Canadian Legion (all levels) permission to use images of me photographed at the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Competition for purposes of display, ceremonies, publication and digital representation and other purposes in relation to the promotion of The Royal Canadian Legion Youth Education Programs. I also give consent for the free use of my name and/or picture in any broadcast, telecast or other account of the above event.

Signature of Student

Date

I, _____ (name of parent/guardian), hereby give my son/daughter permission to complete the entry form and participate in the Public Speaking Competition under the endorsement of the Royal Canadian Legion. Furthermore, I give permission for his/her entry to be used in the promotion of this program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Legion Information: Zone: ____ District: ____ Branch Name: _____

Contact Chairman and Phone Number: _____

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, ONTARIO COMMAND

PUBLIC SPEAKING

RULES & REGULATIONS

The following information outlines the rules and regulations for the Provincial Public Speaking Contest:

1. The speakers may select their own topics. All speeches are to be the original work of the speaker. **The topics chosen by the individual speakers do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the Royal Canadian Legion.** The speaker will credit authors and sources of material, if referring to another person's work. Speeches that repeat verbatim another person's original work will not be accepted.
2. Visual aids, props, notes, cue cards, lecterns, etc., may be used to support the speech, notwithstanding the fact that judges may add or subtract marks according to the manner in which they are used.
3. Speakers will not be allowed to use "Power Point" as a method of presentation or as a tool during presentation.
4. The assistance of persons other than the Chairman or his appointee is not permitted at any level of the contest.
5. English and French speakers will compete within the same contest at all levels. Bilingual judges must be used when necessary. Speakers must compete in English or French and must continue to speak in their chosen language throughout all levels of the competition.
6. A speaker can compete at one branch only. If the speaker did not win at the branch he competed the first time, he is not allowed to compete again at another branch, even though it is under the same zone or district.
7. The speakers must progress through all levels of the competition: Branch, Zone, District, Area and Provincial, using the same speech. The speaker must compete at branch level first, before moving on to zone or district. There is no skipping of levels.
8. A penalty of 5% of the total marks received from each judge, shall be imposed to a speech that is either short or in excess of the time limit for that level, before the total scores are compiled. This penalty will be imposed by the Timekeeper and applied by the Scrutineer. No penalty will be levied for Grades 1 – 3.
9. A penalty of 5% of the total marks received from each judge shall be imposed to any contestant who freezes. A contestant who freezes may continue but all speaking time used will count. This penalty will be imposed by the Timekeeper and applied by the Scrutineer.

10. **No person, including press photographers, shall photograph, videotape or use any audio devices during the contest.**
11. A microphone may only be used by a "Special Need" student. This student will require a certificate from a medical practitioner. The Chairman must be informed of the need before the competition begins.
12. The provincial public speaking contest will be held on the first Saturday in May, of any given year.
13. Speakers may not identify themselves, except by first name, during the contest.
14. Speakers who are late for registration without "**just cause**" will be disqualified from the contest.
15. All wall clocks will be covered or removed during the contest.
16. All cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices are to be turned off during the competition. Such devices cannot be used for any reason during the contest.
17. If you need to leave the room, please do so between speeches or at the break. Do not enter or leave the room during a speech.
18. Coaching of any kind from the audience will not be permitted.
19. Any violation of the above rules and regulations will result in a penalty being imposed by the Chairman and may include disqualification from this or any future competitions.
20. Judges will break their own ties. Judges will render a decision on all speakers without consultation with other judges or any other person. The judges' **decision is final.**

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	First Place (Gold Medal)	Runner-up (3) (Silver Medal)
Grades 1 – 3	3 to 5 minutes	\$200.00	\$75.00
Grades 4 – 6	3 to 5 minutes	\$300.00	\$100.00
Grades 7 – 9	3 to 5 minutes	\$500.00	\$150.00
Grades 10 – 12	5 to 7 minutes	\$1000.00	\$200.00

The winning student and one parent in each division from the four Legion Areas will be offered an all-expense paid trip to the site of the provincial finals.