



Competition Information

Competition Schedule

*All times are subject to change.

Monday, May 27

The 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee Preliminaries Test

11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Preliminaries Test *Maryland Ballroom*

Spellers will have reserved seats in the Maryland Ballroom for the Preliminaries Test. All spellers take the Preliminaries Test together from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, May 28

The 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee Preliminaries

8 a.m. – 4:35 p.m. Round Two *Maryland Ballroom*

- Group 1 (Spellers 1-114): 8 – 9:35 a.m.
- Group 2 (Spellers 115-228): 9:45 – 11:20 a.m.
- Group 3 (Spellers 229-342): 11:30 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.
- Group 4 (Spellers 343-456): 1:15 – 2:50 p.m.
- Group 5 (Spellers 457-570): 3 – 4:35 p.m.

8 a.m. – 4:35 p.m. Round Three *Maryland Ballroom*

- Group 1 (Spellers 1-114): 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29

The 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee Preliminaries

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Round Three, continued *Maryland Ballroom*

- Group 2 (Spellers 115-228): 8 – 9:45 a.m.
- Group 3 (Spellers 229-342): 10 – 11:45 a.m.

- Group 4 (Spellers 343-456): 12:45 – 2:30 p.m.
- Group 5 (Spellers 457-570): 2:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Announcement of Finalists

~4:45 p.m. *Maryland Ballroom*

The top scorers on the Preliminaries Test who spelled correctly in Rounds Two and Three will be invited to the stage for the Announcement of Finalists. No more than 50 spellers will advance to the Finals.

Thursday, May 30

The 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee Finals

10 a.m. *Maryland Ballroom*

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8 p.m. Opening Remarks *Maryland Ballroom*

8:30 p.m. Competition *Maryland Ballroom*

Admission and Seating Policy

Onstage Competition — Tuesday, May 28, Wednesday, May 29, and Thursday, May 30

All oral rounds of competition take place in the Maryland Ballroom. Seating for the competition segments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each speller can also reserve up to three tickets to the Primetime Finals (Thursday, May 30). Additional Primetime Finals tickets are not available; general admission seating will begin at approximately 7:45 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are a member of the general public or are associated with a speller but do not have a credential, you must go to the Bee's registration desk at the Gaylord National prior to entering the ballroom on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning or prior to entering the standby line on Thursday evening. You will be required to present a photo ID in order to receive a Registered General Attendee badge, which is necessary for event admission.

Contest Rules

The Contest Rules of the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee will be available Wednesday, April 10.

What to Wear

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Spellers should wear comfortable attire, but remember, you might be on television! Please avoid the following fabric patterns, which do not display well on television:

- Small stripes
- Checks
- Small prints
- Houndstooth

Unacceptable forms of dress for any segment in the competition

- Accessories or clothing featuring a logo or brand name
- Accessories or clothing that may be distracting or offensive
- Outerwear (e.g. jackets, coats)
- High-heeled shoes
- Shorts
- Tank tops and halter tops
- Miniskirts
- Costumes
- Hats and head coverings (unless associated with religious beliefs)
- Props (including stuffed animals)

*If any part of the speller's clothing is incompatible with broadcast standards and practices, a Bee staff member will request that the speller change clothing.

Events outside of competition

Spellers are welcome to wear their Bee T-shirts during competition segments. Many spellers also wear their special T-shirts to the Bee Week Kickoff Party. For the Awards Banquet and Farewell Party, a dress shirt and slacks or a party dress is appropriate.

Speller Name Badges

Spellers will receive a personalized name badge from the Bee during Speller Registration on Sunday, May 26. We ask that spellers wear their name badges during the Preliminaries Test and during all Bee Week events. However, please leave your name badge with a parent or guardian during all levels of onstage competition.

Prizes

Here's what all spellers, our Finalists and the Champion will receive for being such first-class spellers.

For All Spellers

From Merriam-Webster

A one-year subscription to [Merriam-Webster Unabridged Online](#)

From Mr. Jay Sugarman

A **2019 United States Mint Proof Set**, given in honor of his father Samuel Louis Sugarman, who revered academic achievement

From Encyclopædia Britannica

A one-year subscription to [Britannica Online Premium](#)

*For the Finalists

From the Scripps National Spelling Bee

A commemorative medal and:

- Misspell in Rounds 4 through 6 - \$500 gift card
- Misspell in Round 7 through to 7th place - \$2,000
- 6th place - \$2,500
- 5th place - \$5,000
- 4th place - \$10,000
- 3rd place - \$15,000
- 2nd place - \$25,000

***For the Champion**

From the Scripps National Spelling Bee

a \$50,000 cash prize and Scripps National Spelling Bee engraved trophy

From Merriam-Webster

a \$2,500 cash prize and a complete reference library

From Encyclopædia Britannica

\$400 of reference works, including a [1768 Encyclopædia Britannica © Replica Set](#) and a three-year membership to [Britannica Online © Premium](#)

Plus

a trip to New York City for the Champion to appear on *Live with Kelly and Ryan*, which airs weekday mornings in national syndication, and

a trip to Hollywood for the Champion to appear on ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* which airs weeknights at 11:35|10:35c (pending availability).

For the Champion's School and Sponsor

From the Scripps National Spelling Bee

Engraved commemorative plaques

*Spellers who are eliminated from the competition in the same round are assigned the same rank (place). Cash prizes for spellers who are tied for first through sixth place will be determined by the method used in this example: If three spellers tied for fourth place, the cash prize for each would be the sum of the prize amounts for fourth, fifth and sixth place divided by three (the number of spellers tied); therefore, each speller tied for fourth place would receive \$5,833.33 $((\$2,500 + \$5,000 + \$10,000) / 3)$.