



2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee Certification of Eligibility Form

_____ (the "Participant") desires to participate in the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee (the "Bee") near Washington, D.C., and hereby certifies that he or she meets all of the Eligibility Requirements set forth in the Contest Rules of the Bee.

Further, Participant agrees to promptly notify the Bee if, for any reason prior to the completion of the finals of the Bee, Participant's status changes and he or she fails to meet any of the following Eligibility Requirements.

I certify that:

1. I have not won a Bee championship in the Washington, D.C. area.
2. I attend a school that is officially enrolled with the Bee.
3. I did not pass beyond the eighth grade on or before February 1, 2019.
4. I have not repeated any grade for the purpose of extending my eligibility for the Bee. If I have repeated any grade, I agree to notify the Bee of the circumstances of grade repetition by March 31, 2019; and the Bee will, in its sole discretion, determine my eligibility status on or before April 30, 2019.
5. I have not, and I declare that my parent, legal guardian, or school official acting on my behalf has not declared to another entity an academic classification higher than eighth grade for any purpose, including high school graduation equivalency or proficiency examinations and/or examinations such as the PSAT, SAT, or ACT.
6. I have not earned the legal equivalent of a high school diploma.
7. I do not bypass or circumvent normal school activity to study for spelling bees. The Bee defines normal school activity as adherence to at least four (4) courses of study other than language arts, spelling, Latin, Greek, vocabulary, and etymology for at least four (4) hours per weekday for 34 of the 38 weeks between August 27, 2018, and May 22, 2019.
8. I did not reach my 15th birthday on or before August 31, 2018.

9. I have been declared a champion of a final local spelling bee on or after February 1, 2019, or I am a spelling or community champion of an enrolled school whose application for participation in the Scripps National Spelling Bee has received final approval by the Scripps National Spelling Bee.
10. I have not been disqualified at any level of a sponsor's spelling bee program between June 2018 and the date of this certification. Further, I agree that if I become disqualified at any level of a sponsor's spelling bee program before April 30, 2019, I will be disqualified from competing in the Bee and may not seek advancement in the Bee program through another sponsor and/or enrollment in another school.
11. I am not a first-degree, second-degree or third-degree relative (i.e. sibling, child, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, half-sibling, first-cousin or great-grandchild) of an employee of The E.W. Scripps Company.

Further, I agree, upon qualifying for the Bee, to submit a completed and accurate Champion Registration, a signed Certification of Eligibility Form, a signed Appearance Consent and Release Agreement, a signed General Liability Waiver and a speller photo to the Bee. I agree to notify the Bee, at least 24 hours prior to the first day of competition in the Bee, if any of the statements made on this Certification of Eligibility Form are no longer true or require updating.

Further, I agree and understand that the Bee may disqualify me prior to or during competition in the Bee if I am not in compliance with any of the above Eligibility Requirements.

Further, I agree and understand that if I am found to have not been in compliance with any of the Eligibility Requirements that the Bee may, at any time between the conclusion of the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee and April 30, 2020, require me to forfeit any prizes, rank, and other benefits accorded to me as a result of participation in the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Agreed to and certified to by Participant:

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Agreed to and certified to on behalf of Participant by Participant's parent or guardian:

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Address

Telephone Number