

Founding Members Speaking Award

Purpose: to encourage members to develop and improve their public speaking skills and to promote self-development in Kin by means of public speaking

Eligibility:

1. All active and active life members in good standing shall be eligible to compete for this award with the following exceptions:
 - a) The finalists of a national public speaking competition will be considered ineligible to compete at club, zone, district or national level for a period of 2 years following the national convention in which they competed.
 - b) The winners of a national public speaking competition will no longer be considered eligible to compete at club, zone, district or national level having achieved the highest reward for self-development in Kin through the public speaking competition.
 - c) Present and incoming members of the National Board of Directors are not eligible to compete.
2. One (1) winner from each club level speak-off may compete at the zone speak-off.
3. Two (2) contestants (one (1) winner, and one (1) runner-up) from each zone will compete at District Kinvention. The order of speaking shall be by a draw at District Convention. At least one of the judges may be from another organization.
4. Two (2) contestants (one (1) winner, and one (1) runner-up) at District Kinvention will compete at National Kinvention.
5. A privileged member is eligible to compete.
6. The competitors of a National Public Speaking competition will be considered ineligible to compete at any level for the following two (2) Kin years.

Rules:

1. TOPIC: preferably but not necessarily on some phase of Kin.
2. LENGTH: Speeches must be between 5-7 minutes. There will be a thirty second grace period to wrap up the speech. Speeches shorter than five minutes or longer than seven minutes thirty seconds will be immediately disqualified.
3. The speech will not include or use a PowerPoint component (aka – visual aid) and/or electronic devices such as projectors, computers, laptops, tablets, cell phones, etc. for the purposes of enhancing the presentation. Speakers are allowed to use props.
4. Lights or flash cards will be used to advise the speaker at the 5 minutes, 6 minutes and 7-minute point of their speech (there is a thirty second grace to conclude speech).
5. CONTINUITY: speeches will materially be the same as presented at Club and Zone levels.
6. AUTHENTICITY: speeches must be authored by the speaker.
7. The winner's name, address, phone number, email & Speech Title shall be forwarded by the Deputy Governor to the District Award Director immediately following the Zone Public Speaking competition.
8. Candidates must not be attired in Club costume, will not wear name badge, and will speak by number rather than name, to avoid identification by judges. Failure to abide by these rules will result in disqualification.

9. Candidates shall use the address to the chair given by the chairman of the session as the accepted address to the gathering.

****Please note that the Founding Members Speaking Award Verification Affidavit and Scoresheet can be found in the Kin Canada National Awards & Recognition Program Handbook****

Submission Deadline: To be submitted by the Deputy Governor immediately following Spring Zone competition. Speakers must bring **the Founding Members Speaking Award Verification Affidavit** to each speech and have signed by the Club President, Deputy Governor, and Governor, if applicable. Failure to do so may prevent the speaker from going on to National.