

Guidelines

2020 Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest

PURPOSE

The Theodore Roosevelt Institute (TRI) at Long Island University is partnering with the Theodore Roosevelt Association (TRA) to present the National Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest. LIU will host an online portal for students to upload their speeches to the public speaking contest site. Visitors who view the speeches will be invited to participate in voting through the online portal- one vote per day.

The top 25 semifinalists will be selected via the portal voting process. A judging panel will choose 10 finalists who will be invited to New York for in-person judging. A rubric will be developed to ensure academic integrity.

GUIDELINES

- Speeches should be original. Consultation with teachers, coaches and mentors is encouraged. The student contestant will certify authorship of the speech.
- The content of the speech is restricted to the pre-determined topic identified in these rules and guidelines.
- Finalists should memorize their speech; however, students may glance at a single note card during their presentations. Final speeches may not be read in the entirety from a manuscript or notes.
- Speeches should no more than four minutes in duration.
- The decisions of the judges are final.

SPEECH TOPIC

- Why Theodore Roosevelt matters in the 21st century

SUBMISSION RULES FOR ENTRANT/CONTESTANT

- **Video:** Long Island University personnel will record the entrant's speech at the Key Club New York Leadership Training Conference on Saturday, March 28.
- Long Island University personnel will submit the video entry on the entrant's behalf via the voting portal.
- The entrant will state his or her name and high school name prior to delivering the speech in their video.
- The presentation of the speech must be in English.
- Entrant must be in their junior or senior year of high school.
- You may only submit one (1) speech video during the submission period.
- You will not be able to resubmit your speech after you submit.
- **Live-read:** If you are selected as a finalist to read your speech in-person, and you are under the age of 18 at the time you are asked to deliver a live-read, you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 21-years of age or older, and they will be required to sign release forms.
- **Finals:** Finalists and guests must be willing to travel to New York and be available to participate in the finals on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

- **Finalists must provide a certification from their high school principal that they are currently enrolled as a junior or senior in good standing.**
- Entrant is solely responsible for the Entry they submit for the Contest.
- Entry may not contain any confidential information.
- Entry must not violate third-party rights, including, but not limited to: copyrights, trademarks, and rights of publicity. Do not use any third-party trademarks, company names, or logos.
- Entry must not include unsuitable content; obscenity; disparagement; defamation; libel threats; pornography; harassment; racial, ethnic, or sexual slurs; other offensive conduct or material, or otherwise include inappropriate or unlawful content, as determined at the Organizer's sole discretion. All submissions will be moderated and if deemed acceptable will be made viewable to the public for voting.
- Entry must not include or contain advertising or solicitations of business.
- Entry must be an original work, created by the entrant.

SAMPLE JUDGING RUBRIC (FOR USE DURING SPEECH FINALS)

Judge's Name: _____

Contestant Name: _____

Length of Presentation: _____

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
<p>Speech Presentation:</p> <p>Captures Attention of Audience</p> <p>Organizes Ideas (Presents a specific point of view)</p> <p>Introduces and uses research effectively</p> <p>Interprets and understands subject</p> <p>Uses resources and references</p>	
<p>Student Delivery Qualities:</p> <p>Shows poise and confidence</p> <p>Speaks fluently and with clarity</p> <p>Uses satisfactory pronunciation</p> <p>Has control of filters (“ums”, “you knows”, “like”)</p> <p>Effectively uses voice quality and volume</p> <p>Delivery is smooth and natural</p> <p>Develops rapport with audience</p> <p>Uses body movements appropriately (gestures, eye contact, facial expressions, posture)</p>	
<p>Contestant's Preparation:</p> <p>Well-organized information</p> <p>Accuracy of material</p> <p>Informative</p> <p>Original</p> <p>Creative</p> <p>Memorization</p>	

Observed Time Limit: YES NO

Additional Comments:

OFFICIAL RULES

The “Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest” (the “Contest”) Official Contest Rules

The Contest is open to students in their junior or senior year of high school who are United States citizens or Green Card Holders, who are residing in the United States and who are attending public, catholic or parochial schools in the United States. The contest shall be construed according to, and governed exclusively, by New York State law.

NO PURCHASE OR ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST.

Each Contestant must consult with his/her own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of participating in the Contest, and the acceptance of cash prizes and scholarships. Prizes are non-transferable.

Definitions

In these Official Contest Rules (“**Rules**”), the following terms have the meaning set out below. In addition, other capitalized terms have the meaning so given to them.

“**Contest**” means the contest, game, sweepstakes, promotion, marketing activity or other event specified in the Contest Summary;

“**Contest Facilitators**” means, collectively, the Administrator, the Organizer and any sponsors arranged by the Organizer;

“**Contest Requirements**” means the guidelines and criteria that entrants must abide by to be eligible for Contest also written as Speech Requirements;

“**Contest Site**” means a subdomain of the Site or a domain or website of the Organizer;

“**Administrator**” means the Theodore Roosevelt Institute at Long Island University or the Theodore Roosevelt Association;

“**Entry**” means Speech Video;

“**Promotion Period**” means Submission Period;

“**Organizer**” means the organization that organizes and sponsors a Contest, as specified in the Contest Summary;

“**Prize**” or “**Prizes**” means the prize or prizes (if there are multiple prizes) to be awarded for a particular Contest as specified in the PRIZES

“**Region**” means the region(s) selected in which the Contest is held; and

“Site” means liu.edu/Roosevelt/public-speaking-contest or trspeakingcontest.strutta.me and any services available thereon.

1. **Eligibility:** Contest is open to legal residents of the United States who are currently in their junior or senior year of high school, and who are located in the United States at the time of their entry. No purchase is necessary to enter the Contest. A purchase or payment of any kind will not increase your chances of winning. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are legally eligible to enter the Contest under any laws applicable to you in your jurisdiction of residence or otherwise. The employees, officers and directors of the Contest Facilitators as well as the immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings and children) and household members of each such employees, officers and directors are not eligible to participate in the Contest. Long Island University, The Theodore Roosevelt Institute, and the Theodore Roosevelt Association, as well as its officers, directors and employees, and respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliated companies and franchisor, representatives, agents or employees and the Judge(s) are not responsible for, and shall be held harmless and indemnified by, the prize winners and entrants against any claims, injuries, losses or damages of any kind, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, resulting from acceptance, use, misuse, possession, or loss of the prize, from the Contest, and from any and all use of the Entries. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. Subject to all federal, state and local laws.
2. **Agreement to Official Rules:** By participating in the Contest, you fully and unconditionally agree to and accept these Rules and the decisions of the Organizer and/or Administrator, which are final and binding in all matters related to the Contest. Whether or not you receive a Prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth in these Rules. The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The Organizer is responsible for ensuring the Contest complies with all laws in all jurisdictions where the Contest is offered. CONTESTS are void where prohibited by law.
3. **Contest Period:** The Contest opens on the date and time specified in the DATES & TIMES, and ends on the date and time specified in the DATES & TIMES (the "Contest Period"). All times specified are Eastern Standard Time (EST). The Administrator's computer is the official time-keeping device for the Contest.
4. **How to Enter:** To enter the Contest, complete the form to record your speech at the Key Club Leadership Training Conference in Albany on March 28, and then follow the directions specified for the GUIDELINES, SPEECH TOPIC, and SUBMISSION RULES sections during the Contest Period. You must provide an entry ("Entry") that fulfills the contest requirements ("Contest Requirements"), as specified in the Contest Summary, to be eligible to win a Prize. Entries that do not include all the required information and adhere to the Rules will be considered void. The Contest Facilitators are not responsible for lost, misdirected or incomplete Entries. Long Island University, The Theodore Roosevelt Institute, and The Theodore Roosevelt Association are not responsible for entries not received due to electronic or technical reasons beyond its control. Filtering software will check each entry for compliance with the size limits. Entries that do not meet those criteria will be automatically rejected. No mechanically reproduced, software generated or other automated multiple entries are permitted. Sponsor reserves the right not to publish any Entry on the Website or remove any Entry from the Website for any reason, as it shall determine in its sole discretion. All entries must be received by no later than March 29, 2020 the end of the Promotion Period, in order to participate. In case of a dispute over the identity of an entrant who made a potentially winning

entry, Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deem that the entry was made by the registered subscriber of the email address submitted at the time of entry. All requested information on the entry form must be completed to enter and to be eligible to win. Proof of entering information at the Website is not considered proof of delivery to or receipt by Sponsor of such entry. Any communication, data or other information transmitted by an entrant in connection with the Contest, whether by electronic mail, data survey/query or otherwise, is and will be treated as non-confidential and non-proprietary.

The Organizer determines if an Entry meets the Contest Requirements and otherwise complies with the Rules.

1. **Terms of Submission:** You may submit one entry. If you request to have your Entry removed, you may not re-submit a subsequent entry. By participating in the Contest you permit public voting in connection with your Entry.
2. **Rights Granted by You:** By entering this contest, you agree that:
 - a. the Administrator and its licensees, successors and assigns will have the right to use all or part of your Entry, your name and address (city and state/province/territory), and the names, likenesses, photographs, voices and images of all persons appearing in the Entry anywhere in the world and in perpetuity, for future advertising, trade, promotion and publicity in any manner and in any medium now known or hereafter devised throughout the world in perpetuity, without compensation and without notice.
 - b. other than a possible award of prize money or a scholarship, you will not now nor in the future be paid for your Entry or for granting the Administrator any of the rights set out in these Rules.
3. **Your Representation and Warranties:** By entering the Contest, you represent and warrant that:
 - a. your Entry, in its entirety, is an original work by you and you have not included third party content (such as writing, poetry, text, graphics, artwork, logos, photographs, likeness of any third party, recordings, clips of videos, television programs or motion pictures) in or in connection with your Entry without permission;
 - b. your Entry, the use thereof by the Contest Facilitators, or the exercise by the Organizer or Administrator of any of the rights granted by you under these Contest Rules, does not and will not infringe or violate any rights of any third party or entity, including, without limitation, patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, defamation, privacy, publicity, false light, misappropriation, confidentiality, or any contractual or other rights;
4. **Prizes:** The Organizer will provide the Prize(s) to be awarded for the Contest. No substitution of a Prize will be made unless the Organizer, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise. A Prize must be accepted as awarded, and the odds of winning are dependent upon the total number of eligible Entries received for the Contest Period. No prize or scholarship award can be assigned to a third party. Only the entrant can claim the prize.
5. **Scholarship Awards for 2021/22 Academic year:** To be eligible to receive the \$10,000 and \$25,000 LIU Scholarship awards, the recipient(s) must apply to LIU, be accepted and enrolled during the 2021/22 academic year, meet all admissions requirements and be in good academic standing. The Award will be applied directly to the student's LIU tuition account.

6. The Speech Finals may be recorded and/or photographed for promotional purposes. Entrant agrees that Long Island University, The Theodore Roosevelt Institute, and The Theodore Roosevelt Association have the non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, licensable, transferable, and unrestricted right to use the Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest videos or photographs in whole or in part, commercially or noncommercial, in any media, in perpetuity, worldwide, including the right to publish and display the video and photographs for advertising and publicity, and to edit and make derivative works, all without additional notification, review, approval or compensation to anyone, including Entrant.

Winners will be notified in person on date of Speech Finals. If it is not possible to award a Prize(s) because of circumstances beyond Sponsor's control, including, but not limited to Acts of God, Government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), wars, insurrections and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected, Sponsor, in its discretion, may elect to hold a random drawing from among all eligible entries received up to the date of discontinuance for any or all of the prizes offered herein and/or Sponsor may reschedule the "**Speech Finals**" to a later date.

7. **Winner(s):** The winner(s) ("**Winner(s)**") of the Prize(s) will be selected, as specified in the Rules, from all eligible Entries received. If you are selected as a Winner, you will be notified of the selection of your Entry by the phone or email address provided by you on the Registration Form. If you do not respond to the phone or email notification of your selection as a Winner within one (1) day, an alternate Winner will be selected to receive the Prize. All decisions of the Organizer in selecting the Winner (s) are final and binding on all Entrants in all matters relating to the Contest.
8. **To Redeem Prize:** Except where prohibited, a Winner (or his/her parent/legal guardian if the Winner is a minor in his/her jurisdiction of residence) shall be required to execute and return to the Organizer at the in-person live speech reading in New York, an Eligibility, Declaration of Compliance with the Rules and Liability & Publicity Release Form ("**Declaration and Release Form**") in order to claim the Prize. A Prize is personal to the Winner and is non-transferable. If a Winner fails to execute and return the Release Form, the Winner forfeits the Prize. Acceptance of any Prize shall constitute and signify the Winner's agreement and consent that the Contest Facilitators may use the Winner's name, photo, city, state, likeness, Entry and Prize information in connection with the Contest, worldwide, including on the internet, without limitation and without further payment or consideration, except where prohibited by law. Each Winner (or his/her parent/guardian if the Winner is a minor) is responsible for all taxes and fees associated with receipt of the Prize.
9. **Voting:** Online voting begins and ends as stated in the DATES & TIMES (the "**Voting Period**"). Anyone who visits the Site can vote for their favorite Entry or the Entry that best meets the judging criteria during the Voting Period. The Contest Facilitators have the right, in their sole discretion, to maintain the integrity of the Contest, including the right to void votes, including, but not limited to, for the following reasons:
 - a. multiple votes from the same user from different IP addresses or from different email addresses; fraudulent entry votes (using a redirect link, a disguised link, a fraudulent link, etc.);
 - b. technical malfunction of servers or internet connection;
 - c. user(s) recanting their own votes;

- d. technical or content upgrades that render votes incompatible or inconsistent; and
- e. inappropriate conduct in promoting votes (spam, harassment, etc.).

10. Judging:

- a. During the final selections from Sunday, March 29, 2020 through Friday, April 10, 2020, an internal panel of professional judges will cast their vote alongside the peer votes. Their votes will be worth half of the total combined vote.
- b. The ten (10) Entries with the highest votes will be judged live. The Judge's decisions are final and may not be contested or disputed, however, Judges or Sponsor may change the Judges at any time, for any reason, even after the winner is elected. Criteria for judging will include, but not necessarily be limited to: Speech Presentation, Student Delivery Qualities, and Contestant's Preparation as noted in the SAMPLE JUDGING WORKSHEET.

11. General Conditions: The Contest Facilitators have the right to verify your eligibility and compliance with these Rules, and to disqualify you on the basis of its investigation.

- a. **Privacy:** The information you provide in entering this Contest will be used for purposes of this Contest. Sponsor may share your information with its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and franchisor for similar purposes. By entering the Contest you agree to this disclosure. Your personal information will not be sold to third-parties. By entering the Contest you agree that the Sponsor may contact you regarding the Contest and other information about or products from Sponsor and may share your information with its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and franchisor for similar purposes. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, OR HAVE IT USED IN THIS WAY, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CONTEST.**
- b. **Disputes:** Entrant agrees that: (i) any and all disputes, claims, lawsuits, or other legal claims or causes of action arising out of or connected with the Contest, or any prizes awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by a Court of competent jurisdiction by a federal court located in New York, and/or state court located in New York; (ii) jurisdiction for any and all claims relating to or arising out of the Contest shall be in the federal courts located in New York, and/or state courts located in New York; (iii) any and all claims, judgments, damages, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering the Contest but in no event attorneys' fees; and (iv) under no circumstances will entrant be permitted to obtain awards for and entrant hereby waives all rights to claim or receive, indirect, punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and entrant further waives any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased.
- c. You may not enter with multiple e-mail and/or street addresses, nor may you use any other device or artifice to submit more than one (1) Entry or vote. If you use fraudulent Entry methods, or otherwise attempt to participate with multiple e-mail and/or street addresses under multiple identities, or use any device or artifice to enter more than one (1) Entry, you will be disqualified. In the event of a dispute as to any Entry, the authorized account holder of the e-mail address used to enter will be deemed to be the person who made the Entry. For the purposes of these Rules, the authorized "account holder" is the natural person assigned an e-mail address by an

- internet access provider, online service provider or other organization responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted address.
- d. Nothing contained in these Rules shall be construed to: (i) give any party the power to direct and control the day-to-day activities of the other; (ii) constitute the parties as partners, joint ventures, principal and agent, employer and employee, co-owners or entrants in a joint undertaking; or (iii) allow you to create or assume any obligation on behalf of the Organizer.
 - e. By entering the Contest, you fully and unconditionally agree to and accept these Rules and the decisions of the Contest Facilitators and the members of the voting community, which are final and binding on all matters relating to this Contest.
 - f. **Changes in official contest rules and cancellation:** Long Island University, The Theodore Roosevelt Institute, or The Theodore Roosevelt Association reserves the right, at any time, for any reason, and without notice, to make changes in the Official Contest Rules, which will become effective upon announcement. If for any reasons, the Contest is not capable of running as planned, including by reason of a force majeure event, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, or technical failure, the Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest and award the Prize(s) from among eligible entries received prior to the date of the withdrawal. Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any individual it finds to be tampering with the entry process of the operation of the game or website or to be action in violation of the Official Contest Rules.

12. **Liability Provisions:** The Contest Facilitators are not responsible for human error, theft, destruction, or damage to Entries or other factors beyond its reasonable control. To the extent that you are deemed a finalist, you are responsible for all travel arrangements, and costs associated with travel, and all risks inherent in travel.

You assume all risk of damaged, lost, late, incomplete, invalid, incorrect or misdirected Entries. The Contest Facilitators make no warranty, representation or guarantee, express or implied, in connection with its ability to in any way enable, develop or market the idea set forth in your Entry.

The Contest Facilitators shall not be liable to a Winner or any other person for failure to supply the Prize or any part thereof, by reason of the Prize becoming for reasons beyond the reasonable control of the Contest Facilitators unavailable or impracticable to award, or for any force majeure event, technical or equipment failure, terrorist acts, labor dispute, or act/omission of any kind (whether legal or illegal), transportation interruption, civil disturbance, or any other cause similar or dissimilar beyond the Organizer's control.

The Organizer, Administrator and their employees, officers, directors, agents, contractors, representatives, affiliates, divisions, subsidiaries, resellers, dealers, distributors, advertising/promotion agencies (the "Released Parties") shall not assume any responsibility whatsoever for any of the following: delayed, failed, partial or garbled computer transmissions; technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to, lost, interrupted or unavailable network, server, internet, or other connections; the availability, accessibility, technical failure or miscommunications of computer, satellite, telephone or cable transmissions; the incorrect

or inaccurate capture or failure to capture information whether caused by Site or Contest Site users, tampering, hacking, or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest; errors of any kind whether human, mechanical, electronic, network or otherwise arising out of or relating to the Contest; theft, loss, destruction or damage to an Entry in whole or in part; and other factors beyond their reasonable control. The Released Parties are not responsible for injury or damage to your or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating in the Contest or downloading materials from or use of the Site or any Contest Site. Each Contestant must **consult** with his/her own **tax advisors regarding the tax consequences** of participating in the Show. **Prizes** are non-transferable.

CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT BY YOU TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE THE SITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST IS A VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAW. SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, THE ORGANIZER AND ADMINISTRATOR RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW AND TO DISQUALIFY YOU FROM THE CONTEST.

LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE: BY SUBMITTING AN ENTRY, YOU AGREE THAT THE RELEASED PARTIES WILL HAVE NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR, AND WILL BE RELEASED AND HELD HARMLESS BY YOU AND YOUR HEIRS, EXECUTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOR ANY CLAIMS, LIABILITIES, OR CAUSES OF ACTION OF ANY KIND OR NATURE FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES TO PERSONS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, DISABILITY OR DEATH, AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, DUE IN WHOLE OR IN PART, ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE FROM YOUR/YOUR FAMILY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION, YOUR TRAVEL TO THE FINAL ROUND OF THE COMPETITION, THE DELIVERY, ACCEPTANCE, USE OR MISUSE OF THE PRIZE, ANY AND ALL USE AS PROVIDED HEREIN OF YOUR ENTRY, OR PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONTEST AND/OR ANY RELATED CONTEST. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, EVERYTHING ON THE SITE AND ANY CONTEST SITE IS PROVIDED "AS IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND NON-INFRINGEMENT. SOME JURISDICTIONS MAY NOT ALLOW THE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OR EXCLUSION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES, IN WHICH CASE SUCH LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE LAW IN THE RELEVANT JURISDICTION.