

2022 Conservation Education Speak-Off Rules

Theme: "Healthy Soil Healthy Life"

Rules:

1. Contestants must be high school students, grades 9-12, in September, prior to IASCD Conference in November.
2. Any prior state winner is not eligible as a contestant.
3. Contestants must have an interest in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment.
4. **Each contestant must fill out and submit an application form.** This will include name, address, phone number, school, grade, age, club affiliations and a brief statement about interests or involvement in agriculture or conservation practices. Contact Sharon Hardy 208 436 4202 or minidokaswcd@gmail.com for application. Applications can also be found on our web page www.minicassiaswcd.com under Educational Programs.
5. **The speech shall be at least three minutes and not more than five minutes, including the salutation and title. Contestants will not give their name at any time during their speech. No props or visual aids will be allowed.**
6. **Speech must be contestant's original text, researched and written by the contestant. Notes will be allowed at the district level only.**
7. There shall be three judges and a timekeeper. Money prizes will be awarded to the top 3 contestants from each district. (Minidoka: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$25)
8. The top winner from each district will be invited to compete at the Division IV Speech Contest in October. Prizes will also be awarded at the Division IV contest.

TIPS for Preparing Your Speech:

- * Highlight the benefits of soil and water conservation.
- * Address how conservation has improved the lives of people.
- * Dress in a professional manner.
- * Use the theme.
- * Include information in your speech that is important to you.