

West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District
CONSERVATION SPEECH CONTEST

2026 Topic:
"SOIL. Where it all Begins"



APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Club Affiliations: _____

Briefly state your interest in conservation or agriculture practices:

To reserve your spot – Call 208-572-3375.

Speech Contest Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Burley High School (room #110)

(Enter in the bus drop off doors – NORTH end of the building)

Conservation Speech Contest Rules

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Rules:

1. Contestants must be high school students, grades 9-12.
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. Schools and/or classes shall send no more than 5 students each.
5. **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. Applications can be found on our website at www.minicassiaswcd.com under the "Education for Youth" tab or Call 208-572-3375 or email ewcswcd@gmail.com.
6. **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.**
7. **Speech must be contestant's original text, researched and written by the contestant.**
Notes will be allowed at the district level only.
8. There shall be three judges and a timekeeper. Money prizes will be awarded to the top 3 contestants from each district. (*West Cassia will award: 1st place \$200, 2nd place \$150, and 3rd place \$100*)
9. The top winner from each district will be invited to compete for prizes at the Division IV Speech Contest on Thursday, November 5, 2026 in Kimberly, ID.

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.