

OGLALA LAKOTA COLLEGE
Lakota Studies Department

16th Annual Lakota Speech Contest
Thursday, November 15, 2018

LAKOTA SPEECH CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is open to all K-12 schools on the Pine Ridge Reservation, (including the Bennett County and Rapid City Schools) and reservation community members. All full-time OLC students **currently enrolled in a Lakota Language I, II, III, or IV class** from any of the College Centers may participate. The purpose of this rule is to open the Lakota Speech Contest to all Lakota Language students, kindergarten through college and community members.

2. Each school or college center shall prepare their students to give a speech in Lakota. All speeches **will be timed**. Reading **will not** be allowed. **Singing will be allowed, but students and community members will have to explain the song in Lakota.** Beginning a little over **seven years ago** (2011), each elementary school was allowed to enter only **one (1) contestant per grade**, so schools are still being encouraged to conduct run-off contests to determine their representatives who will compete in the final competition at OLC. The theme of the contest is still “Tokatakiya Lakota Tawoihanble Kuwapi” (Lakota Visions for the Future).

3. Eligible students must be enrolled in one of the following categories:
 - Category A – Grades K-3 (limit – 2 minutes)
 - Category B – Grades 4-8 (limit – 3 minutes)
 - Category C – Grades 9-12 (limit – 4 minutes)
 - Category D – College Students (limit 6 minutes)
 - Category E – Community Members (limit 8 minutes)

4. Schools who wish to participate must indicate so by emailing to kloneh@olc.edu, or faxing to (605) 455-2787 by Friday, November 9, 2018 indicating their intent to participate. **Schools should submit a typed list of the number and names of students who will be participating**, so OLC can have an idea for lunch preparation.

5. Schools are responsible for seeing that their student representatives are present for competition at the designated time and place. The Contest will be held in a designated area at Piya Wiconi.

6. Oglala Lakota College is not responsible for any accidents, theft, or injuries.
7. Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) contest winners in each category to one (1) male and one (1) female. All contest participants will receive T-shirts.

Category	Male	Female
<u>A</u> Grades K-3	1 st \$75 2 nd \$50 3 rd \$25	1 st \$75 2 nd \$50 3 rd \$25
<u>B</u> Grades 4-8	1 st \$75 2 nd \$50 3 rd \$25	1 st \$75 2 nd \$50 3 rd \$25
<u>C</u> Grades 9-12	1 st \$100 2 nd \$75 3 rd \$50	1 st \$100 2 nd \$75 3 rd \$50
<u>D</u> College (Full-Time)	1 st \$125 2 nd \$100 3 rd \$75	1 st \$125 2 nd \$100 3 rd \$75
<u>E</u> Community Member	1 st \$125 2 nd \$100 3 rd \$75	1 st \$125 2 nd \$100 3 rd \$75

8. A Speech Contest Trophy will be awarded to the K-12 school with the most overall points.
9. In addition, prize money will be awarded to the 1st – 3rd place schools according to their number of accumulated points. This should be used for their Lakota language students for pizza party, movie, etc.

1st Place - \$300

2nd Place - \$250

3rd Place - \$200