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Speech Trek

Student Forms

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SPEECH TREK SPEECH CONTEST TOPIC

IS IT TIME TO PASS THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT?

The **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)** was a [proposed amendment](#) to the [United States Constitution](#) designed to guarantee [equal rights for women](#). The ERA was originally written by [Alice Paul](#) and [Crystal Eastman](#). In 1923, it was introduced in the [Congress](#) for the first time.

Several attempts to ratify the amendment were made in 1972, 1978 and then a possible ratification in 1982, but it still has never been put into law.

Actress Patricia Arquette, who made headlines and brought new attention to the gender pay gap with her infamous [2015 Oscar speech](#) has started a petition to assure the passage of ERA NOW!

"People think it's a women-only issue but it's not," Arquette told PEOPLE magazine. "It's an equality issue."

Filmmaker Kamala Lopez's new film, [Equal Means Equal](#), examines the startling effects of gender inequality in the United States, the inadequacy of current laws in place and the dedicated advocates who've been fighting for decades to rectify the situation.

Is it time to pass the Equal Rights Amendment? If so, how can this be accomplished? How can organizations such as AAUW help in getting this amendment ratified once and for all?

CONTEST INFORMATION

Eligibility: Speech Trek is open to all actively attending high school students in California.

Deadlines: Interested students must submit an "Student Application and Parent/Guardian Permission" notice to their local AAUW CA Branch.

Time Limits: Students are to prepare an original 5-6-minute speech, with a "30 grace period on either side. Speaking under the 4:30 or over 6:30 will result in disqualification.

Presentation: These presentations are to be original speeches. Appropriate use of one 4" x 6" note card is an option--prompting is not allowed.

Judging: During the State Semi-Final and Final competition, judges shall use the official ballot and score each speaker in each of the four areas: Content, 0-40 points; Organization, 0-10 points; and Delivery, 0-50 points. Branches may opt to use their own judge's ballot at the local level. Students are advised to request a copy of their Branch's judge's ballot.

Prizes: Each local Branch of AAUW CA will determine the level of award for their contestants.

Branch Winner: Each participating branch will post the video of their winning speech online by March 1. The State Speech Trek judges will identify five finalists, two of which will be named as Honorable Mention. The judges will award the 4th place finalist with \$250 and the 5th place finalist with \$150. The State Speech Trek judges will invite the top three finalist to compete for cash prizes at the AAUW CA State Convention/Annual Meeting in April.

State Finalists: First place winner at the State contest will receive \$1500; Second place winner at the State contest will receive \$1000 and Third place winner at the State contest will receive \$500. Travel expenses, lodging, and meals for each finalist and her/his chaperone will be reimbursed by Speech Trek. Those expenses should not exceed approved budget.

Your School Contact is: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Your AAUW Branch Contact is: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Your Speech Contest Coach is: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____



STUDENT APPLICATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Student Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

High School Attending: _____

School Advisor/Counselor: _____

My signature below certifies that I wish to participate in the AAUW CA Speech Contest and that I have received and read the following forms:

Student Instructions Judge's Instructions & Ballot

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Information and Permission:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



My signature below certifies that I have read the rules for the speech contest and wish for my child to participate in the AAUW CA speech contest. In addition, I understand that my child's name may be publicized locally as a contest participant, and that the speech will be recorded for higher-level competition and selection of finalists.

If my child is selected as the 1st place branch winner or one of three state finalists, I understand that the video of my child's competition speech may be posted online (see videos of previous speakers at: aauw-ca.org>Mission Based Programs>Speech Trek) or used to promote the contest in subsequent years. I understand, I will need to sign an AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE, prior to my child's participation in the competition.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL BRANCH CONTACT:

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

AAUW-CA SPEECH TREK JUDGE'S BALLOT

SPEAKER NAME: _____ **SPEAKING TIME:** _____

Assign a score in each of the following categories:

	<i>needs improvement</i>	<i>average/fair</i>	<i>excellent</i>	<i>superb/outstanding</i>
CONTENT	0	28 29 30	32 34 35	36 37 38 39 40

Evidence of audience analysis

Interesting--held attention

Effective use of example, story, illustration

Topic was obviously researched and referenced

There was a summary and clear sense of finality

ORGANIZATION	0	7	8	9	10
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Effective arrangement of ideas

Main points were easy to follow

Transitions were used to signal movement from point to point

Material was appropriate for the topic and purpose

DELIVERY	0	35 36 37	40 42 44	46 48 49 50
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Good diction, volume, rate, and projection

Displayed poise and confidence

Displayed energy and enthusiasm

Maintained eye contact with audience

Avoided distracting mannerisms

Extemporaneous delivery--not a reading

Well prepared

Demonstrated appropriate movement and gestures

Total: _____/100

*Timekeeper will announce any disqualifications. If a speaker is disqualified, the speaker may **not** be ranked.*

RANK THIS SPEAKER: (HIGH) #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 (LOWEST) No ties allowed

Judge's Signature _____

Judges must make independent decisions and are not to confer or discuss contestants with other judges prior to submitting final ballots. COMMENTS: Since there are no oral critiques, you may use the back of this page to offer your comments.

AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE

AAUW Speech Trek Contest

The undersigned participant of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Speech Trek Contest and the participant's parent or guardian hereby declare that they have read and understand all of the rules and conditions for the contest and that the undersigned has met all eligibility requirements on the date her contest entry was submitted.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent that the speech submitted to the Contest (the "Entry") is the participant's own original creation, and that the participant has perpetrated no fraud or deception in entering the contest or claiming any prize.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent and warrant that neither she/he nor any parent or guardian is an employee of AAUW, or its related, parent, affiliated and subsidiary companies, advertising and promotion agencies, or the panel of judges, nor is she/he or her parent or guardian connected with them in any way.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian irrevocably grant to AAUW, its successors and assigns and all other persons deriving rights from them, all rights, title and interest in the undersigned's Entry in perpetuity, to print, publish, broadcast, use or modify in any manner in any media whatsoever my Entry as submitted for the Contest to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

In addition, the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian grant to AAUW, its successors and assigns and all other persons deriving rights from them, the right to use the participant's name, likeness and/or voice and biographical information, and city of residence for promotional purposes in any medium without compensation to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian hereby waive the opportunity and any right to inspect or approve any such promotion, printing, broadcast use or publication, and further release AAUW, its successors and assigns from all liability in connection with any such promotion, printing, broadcast, use or publication.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian hereby release and hold harmless AAUW and its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all losses, claims or damages that may result, directly or indirectly, from participation in the contest or use of the prize award. The undersigned understands that any and all local, state or federal tax liability for the award will be the responsibility of the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian further acknowledge and agree that the contest prize is non-transferable, and that no substitution of prizes will be allowed, except by the AAUW due to the unavailability of prizes at the time of the award.

The undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian understand that AAUW is proceeding with the award of my prize in the Contest in express reliance on this release and the undersigned and the participant's parent or guardian represent and agree that they are free to grant the rights set forth in this release.

The undersigned contest participant and the participant's parent or guardian hereby attest that they have read and understand all the foregoing provisions of this affidavit and agree to be bound by the same.

Signature of contest participant

Date

Type or print name of participant
Contest Participant's Current Address,
Telephone Number and Social Security Number

Signature of parent/guardian (if contest participant is under 18 years of age)

Print name of parent or guardian

Dated: _____