

Speak for Hire Speaker Speak Off

Rules and Regulations for Contest



ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in the Speak for Hire Speaker Speak Off Contest, an individual must:

- **Be a registered ticket holder for the Speak for Hire Workshop.**
- Be pre-registered for the Speak Off contest phase of the Speak for Hire Workshop. Each applicant must pay a fifty dollar (\$50) application and processing fee. Absolutely no refunds for the Speak Off Contest and Speak for Hire Workshop will be issued. Any paid fees may be applied to any future Speak for Hire events.
- Have paid for entire Speak for Hire Workshop. Not restrictive to or in conjunction with the One-on-One with the Experts at the workshop series.
- Not have more than five years of experience as a professional speaker. A professional speaker is someone who is paid a fee of \$1,000 or more for speaking. You do not have to be a professional speaker to enter the contest.
- Be filmed in process of speech development, delivery, and contest phases. By signing this agreement, you agree to be filmed and photographed during the contest and all phases of development. Speak Off participants must agree to have their names, photographs and videos used, without compensation, in any future promotional advertising in connection with Speak for Hire and the Speak Off TV Reality Pilot. The use of Speak for Hire or Speak Off is prohibited without the expressed written permission of DeLores Pressley Worldwide. **NOTICE:** the Speak For Hire Workshop and Contest **will be filmed for a television pilot** however; there is **no guarantee** of pilot airing through any television network. **All copy rights and usage of this filmed material are the exclusive property of DeLores Pressley Worldwide. DeLores Pressley Worldwide agrees that footage of contestants shall not be provided to other contestants for their personal or business use; however, DeLores Pressley Worldwide reserves all right to use such footage in its sole discretion.**
- Submit a video of a prepared speech to be reviewed for selection into the Speak Off contest. Include in the video why you would like to be a part of the Speak Off Contest. The videotaped speech must not exceed 3 minutes. Video must be submitted electronically to email: speakforhire@gmail.com via www.yousendit.com or via link to your You Tube video by April 30, 2009.
- All applicants will not participate in the Speak Off Contest. The Speak for Hire team will select up to seven (7) contestants from the video submissions to compete for the Speak Off Reality TV Show Pilot on May 30, 2009 in front of a panel of judges. The contestants will be notified on or before May 8, 2009.

NOTE: Each contestant must be present to compete. Participation by audio and video tape and teleconference is not permitted.

Ineligibility Notice

The following are **ineligible for the contest:** Any Professional Speaker with more than five years of employment in public speaking/workshop speaking including and not exclusive to Motivational, Instructional, Corporate Training, or Single Subject Training/Instructional based Professional Speech Provider. Any Member of the Speak for Hire Staff and/or Member of the Zaleski Productions Staff.

Winning the Contest...

NOTICE: the Speak for Hire Workshop and Contest **will be filmed for a television pilot** however; there is **no guarantee of pilot airing through any television network.** The Winner of the Speak Off Contest may be featured in the televised pilot. The Winner agrees to be a radio guest on LA Talk Radio on the DeLores Pressley Show.

The Winner of the Speak for Hire Contest may be filmed in process of speech development, delivery, and contest phases. All copy rights and usage of this filmed material will be held by the producers of Speak for Hire and not for personal use to any contestant.

SPEECH SUBJECT and PREPARATION

Subject for the prepared speech shall be selected by the producers and the notification of the subject will be sent to contestants by May 8, 2009.

Contestants must prepare their own five minute speeches, which must be substantially original and certified as such in writing to the Chief Judge by the contestants prior to the presentation of the speeches. Any quoted material must be so identified during the speech presentation.

All contestants will speak from the same platform or area designated by the contest structure dictated during preliminary. The contestants may speak from any position within the designated area and are not limited to standing at the lectern/podium.

- A lectern/podium will be available. However, the use of the lectern/podium is optional.
- A wireless microphone will be made available.
- **All equipment will be available for contestants to practice prior to the contest.**
- **Contestants are responsible for arranging for their preferred setup of the lectern/podium and other equipment. Setup arrangements must be provided to the producers of the contest. Any arrangements must be submitted via email to speakforhire@gmail.com by May 15, 2009.**

Winners of the contest shall present a detailed outline of their winning speech to the judges upon completion of each presentation.

GENERAL PROCEDURE

For the contest phase of Speak for Hire, a contest Chairman, Chief Judge, *at least four total Judges* including a Tiebreaking Judge, one Counter, and one Timer are appointed.

All appointed judges and staff for the result determining of the contest will be held to the structure and rules of the contest for all decisions and numeric scoring on each contestant.

All Judges will judge all contestants. Judging of speeches will be based in a numeric system (see separate page for Judging Guidelines and numeric system)

Contestants will be judged on:

- **Content** (Speech Development, Effectiveness, and Speech Value)
- **Delivery** (Stage Presence, Voice and Manner)
- **Language** (Appropriateness and Correctness)

Before the contest, contestants will be briefed on the rules by the Chief Judge and/or the production manager of the contest. Contestants will then draw for their speaking position with the contest Chairman.

If a contestant is absent from the contest briefing or is not present during reading of rules to the live audience, then the contestant will be disqualified.

Each contestant will be introduced by announcing:

- **the contestant's name**
- **speech title**

There will be one minute of silence between contestants, during which the Judges will mark their ballots.

Contestants will not remain in the same room as the contest while other contestants are presenting their contest speeches.

In contests with five or more participants, a third place winner, second place winner, and first place winner will be announced.

Announcement of the contest winners will be final

TIMING OF THE SPEECHES

Speeches will be five minutes. Numeric deductions from scoring will take place for each 30 seconds over the 5 minute time period given for each presentation.

Upon being introduced, the contestant shall proceed immediately to the speaking position. Timing will begin with the contestant's first definite verbal or nonverbal communication with the audience. This usually will be the first word uttered by the contestant, but would include any other communication such as sound effects.

Signals will be given by the contest production manger for 3 minutes, four minutes and times-up. No signal shall be given for the overtime period.

Any sightless contestant may request and must be granted a form of warning signal of his or her own choosing. Acceptable warning signals would include, but not be limited to: a buzzer, a bell, or a person announcing the times at five, four and three minutes. If any special device and/or specific instructions for such signal is/are required, the contestant must provide same.

In the event of technical failure from production manager in signaling time periods, a speaker is allowed 30 seconds extra overtime without numeric deduction.

Prior to announcing results, the Emcee will announce if time disqualification(s) occurred, but **not** name the contestant(s) involved.

PROTESTS

Protests will be limited to Judges and contestants. Any protest will be lodged with the Chief Judge and/or contest Chairman prior to the announcement of the winner and alternate(s). The contest Chairman shall notify the contestant of a disqualification regarding originality or eligibility prior to that announcement before the meeting at which the contest took place is adjourned.

Before a contestant can be disqualified on the basis of originality, the contestant must be given an opportunity to respond to the Judges. A majority of the Judges must concur in the decision to disqualify.

The contest Chairman can disqualify a contestant on the basis of eligibility.

All decisions of the judges are final.

Liability Disclaimer

Neither Born Successful, the Speak for Hire competition, Zaleski Productions or any of its owners, officers, directors, employees, consultants or contractors, which shall include but not be limited to DeLores Pressley and Laura Zaleski, shall be held liable for any injuries, lost, stolen or damaged property or loss of any person or property of any person participating in this event. The Staff and Owners of Zaleski Productions, Born Successful and the producers of the Speak for Hire Workshop Series and Speech Contest will not be held liable for any theft or harm brought to any ticketed guest or participant in any part or structure of the event. All persons choosing to participate in the Speak For Hire Workshop Series and Speech Contest are responsible for all necessary self preparation, tools for self involvement in all phases of the event and for adhering to all rules and structures of the Workshop and/or Speech Contest.

If a dispute arises under this agreement, it shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Ohio and all attorney fees will be paid by the losing party.

**SPEAK FOR HIRE SPEAKER SPEAK OFF CONTEST
OFFICIAL APPLICATION
(Print Clearly or Type)**

Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

Years of Professional Speaking Experience _____

Any Accomplishments/Talents/Community Involvement _____

Tell us (100 words or less) why you would like to be selected as a Contestant in the Speak for Hire Speaker Speak Off Contest. Essay may be typed or printed on a separate page and attached to application. (The information may be read during the Speak Off Contest)

How did you hear about Speak for Hire?

I have read and agree to abide by the official rules and regulations of the Speak for Hire Speak Off Contest. I hereby certify that all the information I have given on the application is true and correct. I release Speak for Hire and any of its affiliates from any liability due to injury, loss or damage during my involvement with this contest. I understand that my name, pictures and video will be used without compensation for promotional purposes and production of the event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Payment:

Make money orders or cashier's checks for application and processing in the amount of \$50 payable to: **Born Successful** or register on-line at www.speakforhire.com or charge on credit card. All on-line applications must fax official application to **330.649.9309** or mail to: **Born Successful, P. O. Box 9049, Canton, OH 44711**. For more information call 330.649.9809.

For Credit Card payments ONLY:

Form of Payment: Visa MasterCard Am Express Check Money Order

Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$50.00 to the following card:

Credit Card Number: _____

Security Code: _____ (3 digits or 4 Am. Ex) Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____