

**\$2,300 in scholarships
awarded by**

- **East River Electric Power Cooperative**
- **Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative**
- **South Dakota Rural Electric Association**

State Champion \$1,100
 Second Place \$750
 Third Place \$450

*Certificates will be given to
all finalists.*

Schedule of Events

**Local conservation district
contest:**

Must be completed on or before
March 23, 2013. Two winners are
chosen to go to each area contest.
Contact your local conservation
district for times and location.

Area contest:

Must be completed on or before
April 6, 2013. Two winners are
chosen to go to state finals.

State Finals:

Fourteen speakers, representing
the seven Natural Resource Areas,
will participate in the state finals.
Three scholarship winners will be
chosen - first, second and third
places. State finals will be held in
Pierre, April 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
(CST) in Room 414 in the State
Capitol.

Point Limits	Explanation of Score Sheet Points
20	Speech adheres to the topic and is appropriate to the subject/topic
20	Speech shows originality
15	Good use of emphasis, voice control
15	Clear enunciation and pronunciation
10	Speaker has poise, shows enthusiasm
5	Thoughts and statements are not contradictory
5	Speech is developed around a logical sequence
5	Logical conclusions are, or can be drawn
5	Personal appearance
100	Total maximum score

**South Dakota
High School Students
Win**

**\$2,300
in Scholarships**

**Enter the
52nd Annual**

**Resource Conservation
Speech Contest**

**2013 Topic:
“The Economic Impact of Conservation on
America”**

Sponsored by:



**South Dakota Department of Agriculture
in cooperation with
The South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts
&
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

Entry Blank

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Age _____ Year in School _____

School you attend _____

Conservation District _____

Parents' Names _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Used ONLY for contest-related correspondence – we will never sell, rent or share your email address.

For further information contact:

Your local conservation district

OR

Resource Conservation and Forestry Division
523 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-3182
Telephone: 605-773-3623

Contest Rules

1. Any student attending high school (public, private, or home-school), grades 9-12, in South Dakota, is eligible to participate.
2. Entries in the conservation district contest must be accompanied by attached entry blank.
3. Two winners from each district contest will participate in their respective Natural Resource Area contest.
4. Two winners from each of the seven area speech contests will compete at the State Speech Contest.
5. District and area elimination contests must be held on or before the dates listed in the schedule of events (see back page). State Contest date is also listed.
6. East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. will pay scholarships to any college, university or accredited vocational technical school in the State of South Dakota chosen and attended full-time by the winners.
7. Scholarships will be held one year after graduation from high school or one year after release from armed forces.
8. Speeches are to be five minutes in length. A five-point penalty will be given for any speech less than 4 or more than 6 minutes.
9. Speech must be original, although quotes will be permitted; contestant must write his/her own speech.
10. Notes may be used, but any speech read in text will be disqualified.
11. Each speech should incorporate our natural resources – soil, water, animals, plants and air – as applicable to the theme of the speech.
12. Contestants may, but are not required to, introduce themselves. Score is not affected.
13. No person will be admitted or may leave the room while a contestant is speaking.
14. Speaker's time will be kept by a timekeeper using a stopwatch. Time is to be announced at the conclusion of each speech.
15. Judges who have knowledge of speaking and/or conservation should be selected. Each judge will be given copies of score sheets, rules and regulations and other pertinent information of the contest.
16. Score sheets will be totaled and winners announced by contest coordinator.
17. Speakers at district, area, and state contest will draw a number, be introduced and speak in order of the number drawn. After the winners have been selected, speakers will be introduced by name, school and the sponsoring conservation district.
18. All contestants in the state contest must submit one legible copy of their speech at the registration table.
19. Five place winners will be selected. Scholarships will be awarded to the top three. In the event that one or more of the top three winners would choose not to attend a college, university or vocational technical school full-time in the state of South Dakota, then the scholarships will be re-awarded to alternate place winner(s).
20. The first place winner in the state contest will not be eligible to participate in future contests. Other place winners can continue to participate in future contests until graduation or winning first place.