

Informative SPEECH CONTEST Thursday, November 6, 2025

SCC Lincoln Campus
8800 O St., Lincoln, NE | Room U102/104

Check-in: 3:40 p.m. (Preliminary Round: 4 p.m.)

- Submit the completed **entry form** with a copy of your **speech outline** by **Friday, October 31, 2025**, online, via email or in-person
Online: southeast.edu/speechcontest
Email: rhadley@southeast.edu or kbaker@southeast.edu
In-person: SCC Lincoln Campus, Office V-04 or V-14
attn: Richard Hadley or Katie Baker, Contest Coordinators
- This is an informative speech contest open to any currently enrolled SCC students. Your speech will need to teach the audience about objects, people, procedures, events, ideas, conditions, or issues, etc. (If your topic is viewed as persuasive, you may be asked to provide a different subject by one of the contest coordinators.)
- You will be judged using the Judge's Scoring Guidelines listed here.
- The time limit is 5-7 minutes. If your speech runs long, after 9 minutes you will be asked to stop speaking.
- Check-in begins at **3:40** to register for room assignments. **Participants who are not in line to register by 4 p.m. will not be allowed to compete.**
- Preliminary rounds begin at 4 p.m. and participants will deliver their speech to 1-2 judge(s) and approximately six contestants.
- Participants will stay for the entire round and listen to all speakers in their group.
- Speaker order is determined randomly, and you must speak in the order chosen.
- You have up to 5 minutes to set up your visual aids. If you are not prepared after the 5 minutes, you will be asked to give your speech without your visual aid.
- You will be allowed to use the multi-media equipment provided in the rooms at SCC.
- Immediately following preliminary rounds, participants must return to room **U102/104** to see if they have advanced to the final round.
- The judges' results will be tallied and participants will be notified if they have advanced to the final round. The final round will begin shortly after the preliminary round ends.
- Students who advance to the final round will give the same speech to a panel of judges and an open audience.
- There is no dress code for speaking, however, speakers should remember that appearance is part of the speaking process.
- Awards/prizes will be presented to the top six performers after the final scores are tallied.
- Prizes are non-transferrable (tuition prizes may not be transferred to another person).

PRIZES

1st	Tuition + \$50 Tuition for one 3.0 semester credit course (value \$315) will be deposited into the student's account.
2nd	Tuition + \$25 Tuition for one 3.0 semester credit course (value \$315) will be deposited into the student's account.
3rd	Tuition Tuition for one 3.0 semester credit course (value \$315) will be deposited into the student's account.
4th	\$100 Gift Certificate to SCC Lincoln Campus Store
5th	\$75
6th	\$50

JUDGE'S SCORING GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION **10 Pts**

- Gained attention and interest
- Introduced topic clearly
- Established credibility
- Previewed body of speech
- Related to audience

BODY **10 Pts**

- Main points clear
- Main points fully supported
- Organization well planned
- Clear Language
- Effective transitions

CONCLUSION **5 Pts**

- Prepared audience for ending
- Reinforced central idea
- Memorable ending

DELIVERY **10 Pts**

- Maintained eye contact
- Used voice effectively
- Effective non-verbals
- Seems well-rehearsed

SOURCES **5 Pts**

- Credible
- Incorporated correctly

OVERALL EVALUATION **10 Pts**

- Specific purpose well chosen
- Speech was audience centered
- Speech completed in time limit