



## AAUW MI M. Jean Jokipii Memorial Speech Contest

### Instruction to Judges

- **Fill in names of speakers and order of speaking on judging forms upon arrival.**
- Each speaker shall prepare and deliver an original five-six (5-6) minute speech.
- Time signals may be given at the speaker's request. However, adherence to the time limit is the responsibility of the speaker.
- This speech is to be presented by using the extemporaneous mode of delivery.  
Appropriate use of one 4" x 6" note card is an option. Prompting is not allowed.
- In this contest, students have written their own speeches. They are permitted to deviate from their original manuscript to better adjust to the speaking situation.
- Speakers will typically use logical and emotional appeals.
- Some speakers will employ language that is graphic, striking and sometimes dramatic, but always with the intent of conveying the speaker's ideas rather than the speaker's technique. These presentations are to be original speeches and not dramatic readings.
- During the State Semi-Final and Final competition, Judges shall use the official ballot and score each speaker in each of the three areas: **Content**, 0-30 points; **Organization**, 0-30 points; **Delivery**, 0-30 points. Assign a score for each category by circling the number on your ballot.
- After scoring each category, subtotal the score for each speaker and then rank the speakers from highest to lowest. No ties are allowed.
- Judges must make independent decisions about speakers. Judges shall not discuss decisions with other judges prior to submitting final ballots.

The official Timekeeper may share only that a speaker was outside the time limit.

### **Speaking over 6 minutes or under 5 minutes will result in disqualification.**

If a judge submits a ballot without ranking the speakers, the form will be returned for completion of the rankings. Questions regarding the contest rules or conduct of the event shall be referred to the Contest Coordinator.

Branches may opt to use their own judges' ballot at the local level, but students moving onto State semi-final or final rounds must be giving a copy of the official ballot used for State level competition.

Judge may use the back of this form to write notes/remarks to be shared with the speaker.

AAUW MI M. Jean Jokipii Memorial Speech Contest: **Judges Worksheet**

Speaker Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaking Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scoring Scale: 0 (Needs Improvement) to 30 (Superb/Outstanding)**

**Content:**

**Content Score:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(0 - 30)

Considerations:

- Evidence of 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:**

**Organization Score:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(0 – 30)

Considerations:

- Effective arrangement of ideas
- Main points were easy to follow
- Transitions were used to signal movement from one point to next
- Material was appropriate for the topic and purpose

**Delivery:**

**Delivery Score:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(0 – 30)

Considerations:

- Good vocal volume, rate, and projection
- Displayed poise and confidence
- Displayed energy and enthusiasm
- Maintained eye contact with the audience
- Avoided distracting mannerisms
- Extemporaneous delivery – not reading
- Well prepared – spoke without notes
- Demonstrated appropriate movement and gestures

**Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sum of Three Categories)

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Judges must make independent decisions and are not to confer or discuss contestants with other judges prior to submitting final ballots. Speakers not observing 5-6 minute time requirement will be disqualified. Speakers may use one 4" X 6" note card.