



January 3, 2023

Dear Spelling Bee Coordinator,

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Oklahoma State Spelling Bee will take place on Friday, April 21st at the Muskogee Civic Center (425 Boston Street). **Registration starts at 4:30 P.M. with the competition beginning at 6:30 P.M.** *We are happy to announce we are back upstairs with our large hospitality area. It will open at 4:30 P.M. with soft drinks, coffee, sandwiches, chips, snacks, or bottled water for all of our contestants, family members, and special guests to enjoy.....free with no charge for admission to our academic competition*

Prizes will include engraved medals for each contestant, 2023 commemorative bee t-shirts, and trophies for first, second, and third place winners. We are excited to announce that the champion of the Eastern Oklahoma State Spelling Bee will receive a **\$1,000.00** for his or her school and a **\$500.00** cash prize. Our second place student will receive **\$500.00** for his or her school and a **\$250.00** cash prize. Third place student will receive **\$250.00** for their school and **\$100.00** cash prize. We are thrilled to offer these fantastic prizes for your school and students. As an added bonus the Cruis'n Angels Car Club – Muskogee have agreed to sponsor the top three EOSSB winners by adding monies to their CACC scholarship funding. Those money amounts will be confirmed soon and given out to all our BEE coordinator's. Please ensure your students know about this wonderful addition to the 2023 Eastern OK State Spelling Bee Event.

All student contestants will have the opportunity to win watches, tablets, headphones, gift baskets, and other fantastic prizes during the intermissions. These prizes will be given away by random drawings to students who are participating in the BEE. Thank you to all our generous sponsors for making this occasion possible for our student contestants. We encourage all student contestants to stay in the arena until all the drawings have taken place.

**Deadlines and Forms Needed:**

- **Champion and Runner-Up Registration Form – Deadline – Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Minor Appearance Release Form (2) – May send in with Champion and Runner-Up Form or bring to event**

Where there is a “two” listed by the bold items above, please give one to each of your student representatives. **Let the student contestants know they must register at the state spelling bee competition with a parent, guardian, or a teacher who understands the spelling bee rules.**

***\*Take notice of the deadlines regarding champion and runner-up registration form and participation in the art contest. Deadlines are subject to extensions because of possible inclement weather conditions, Flu, or Covid.***

**Again this year, we are requesting that you have a third or fourth place student attend in the absence of your champion or runner-up.** Please provide these students with the same word list by

origins and countries as your champion and runner-up. They will also need the spelling bee rules that can be located on our website. Some schools had no student representatives present on the stage last year. By providing this opportunity we believe each school should or will have representation at the state spelling bee event. **The third or fourth place students will only participate if one of your winning students is not able to compete in Muskogee on Friday, April 22nd.**

**Please let us know if you are not able to open a particular form or other needed information on our website. I will be glad to send you the requested information separately by an email attachment directly to you. Just let me know and I will get that out to you very quickly.**

**\*If you are in need of trophies for your school-wide spelling bee one of our business sponsors has agreed to special pricing for your school. I-40 Awards & Engraving in Muskogee. They are located at 812 East Side Blvd. Martin Updike is the owner and you may contact him at 918-577-1956 or [martin@i40awards.com](mailto:martin@i40awards.com). He will be more than happy to assist you and your school district.**

***Rally your community! Everyone come and support your winners. This will be a wonderful experience for your students, school, and community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the email address or phone numbers listed below.***

Thank you for all you do to ensure academic excellence!

See you at the BEE!

*Susan*

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