

# RAMONA MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA HISTORY HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

**Application Deadline:** April 2, 2026

## **Theme:**

Any topic clearly related to the theme of California history is acceptable.

## **Contest Participation:**

The contest is open to all High School students.

## **Length of Speech:**

Speeches shall be between five (5) and seven (7) minutes in duration.

A penalty of one point per half minute or fraction thereof will be assessed against the number of points of the tally for that speaker, if he or she fails to complete the speech within the five to seven minute time frame.

## **Presentation:**

**No speaker shall use visual aids, props or the assistance of a prompter. Notes are not allowed.**

Use of a microphone is not permitted. The **preliminary round will be on Tuesday April 7th** to select the top five speakers who will participate in the **final round on Thursday evening, April 9th**. Three or more judges will rate each speaker on their presentation and content using NSGW and Toastmaster International guidelines.

## **Entry Procedure:**

Easy entry **Online** [www.ramonaparlor.org](http://www.ramonaparlor.org) or

**Mail** your completed application to:

Ramona Museum of California History

High School Public Speaking Contest

1003 East Valley Blvd.

San Gabriel, CA 91776

or **Email** it to [rosemarie@claros.com](mailto:rosemarie@claros.com)



## **Awards:**

**First Place Award:**\$500.00

**Second Place Award:**\$350.00

**Third Place Award:**\$200.00

**Two Runner Ups:**\$100.00 each

Awards will be presented to each of the winning students at the special evening ceremony on Thursday, **April 9th**.

***The preliminary round will be held on April 7th behind the Ramona Museum at 339 S Mission Drive, San Gabriel in the afternoon. Five finalists will be selected to compete in the final round on April 9th at the same location.***

## **Committee Chair:**

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