

AMERICAN SPELLING BEE CONTESTANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. You and your child will be required to work on the words. If either one of you or both is not willing to put forth the effort, do not apply.
2. A parent is required to fill out the application. Do not allow your child to do this.
3. All information with the exception of the required signatures are to be **NEATLY PRINTED IN INK OR TYPED**.
4. All information is to be completed. Any incomplete applications will be returned. A charge of \$3.00 will be added to the registration fee. Any further incomplete applications will be cancelled.
5. If you are not sure what the correct information is, please find out before applying.
6. If you are not willing to agree to everything on the application, please do not apply.
7. All information which you provide will be held in strictest confidence.
8. Any questions should be referred to Mr. Ricci at (315) 252-4561 or by e-mail to: Dadricci@hotmail.com.
9. **Please enclose your check or money order of \$15.00 for registration fee.**

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

1. **Contestant's Name: Print first, middle initial, and last name in that order.**
2. **Print your child's grade.**
3. **The number of your mailing address and include your apartment or trailer number, if applicable.**
4. **Print your city and state and include your nine digit zip code.**
5. **Write your area code and phone number.**
6. **Write your child's date of birth (ex. May 23, 1998, not 5-23-98)**
7. **Write your child's school name; If home schooled, write home school.**
8. **Write your child's school district; If your child attends a religious school, write the diocese you are in.**
9. **Write the school address; don't forget the zip code.**
10. **Principal's name: write given first name and last name (ex. Carol Jones, not Mrs. or Ms. Jones)**
11. **Write child's father's and mother's name.**
12. **Write address of each. If the same as child write same. If either or both are different from the child, write their addresses including city and zip code.**
13. **Home phone number: If the same as the child write same. If your number is unlisted please write that after your number, we will only call if it is absolutely necessary.**
14. **Work phone: write number and extension if applicable. We will only contact you there if we are having trouble reaching you at home.**
15. **The next section includes you and your child's commitment to enter the bee and be present and on time to the bee on date established by your host committee. If you cannot commit to do this, do not apply.**
16. **Don't forget to send your check for the registration with your child's application. Send your application shortly after you receive this.**
17. **If you don't know the information regarding your local newspaper, please call there to get the information.**
18. **Any information left blank will be cause for us to return your application and assess you a \$3.00 fee for mailing and additional processing. If it is sent a second time, still incomplete, your application will be cancelled. Your registration fee then will be returned, but not your \$3.00 assessment fee.**

Dear Parents:

All information will be in the Spelling Bee Booklet which you will receive on or about 60 days after receiving your completed application. The booklet will state when and where your child(ren)'s bee will be taking place. The bee is held for grades 1-8. Each grade has a separate bee. Each grade's winner will receive a US Savings Bond where there are at least 20 contestants enrolled. The amount of the winner's bond is: Grades 1-3, \$75; 4-5, \$100 and 6-8, \$200. The top five in each grade will receive trophies. All contestants receive certificates.

The previous pages of instructions must be printed and read before completing this application

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURE

Contestant's Name : _____ Grade : _____

Address : _____

City : _____ State : _____ Zip Code : _____

Phone : (_____) _____ Contestant's Date of Birth : _____
Area Code Number

Contestant's School : _____ School District : _____

School Address : _____

Principal's Name : _____ School Phone : (_____) _____
(First) (Last) Area Code Number

Father's Name : _____ Home Phone : (_____) _____
(First) (Last) Area Code Number

Father's Address : _____ Work Phone : (_____) _____
(City) (Zip Code) Area Code Number

Mother's Name : _____ Home Phone : (_____) _____
(First) (Last) Area Code Number

Mother's Address : _____ Work Phone : (_____) _____
(City) (Zip Code) Area Code Number

PARENT'S DECLARATION

I, _____ agree to register my child _____ in the 2004/2005 (circle which year) American Spelling Bee and to get my child to the site of his/her grade's competition. **I have enclosed a check or money order for \$15.00 which is non-refundable made out to and sent to The American Spelling Bee, 25 Capitol Street, Auburn, N.Y. 13021-2831.**

Date Signed: _____ Parent's Signature : _____

If you have any questions, please phone Mr. Ricci (315) 252-4561 or e-mail him at dadricci@hotmail.com

Information about your local newspaper :

Name of your newspaper: _____

Address of your newspaper: _____

Name of your newspaper's editor: _____

AFTER YOUR CHILD'S BEE: IF YOUR CHILD IS ONE OF THE TOP FIVE, PLEASE HAVE A SMALL SCHOOL PHOTO (FACE ONLY) TO PLACE IN AN ENVELOPE PROVIDED BY YOUR HOST COMMITTEE. The photo will be sent to your local newspaper to be published.

If your child is the winner of a U.S. Savings Bond you will need to provide us with the following information: (1) Your child's name and address (2) His or her grade (3) her/his social security number (The US Treasury will not issue a bond unless they have your child's social security number) Only submit that if your child wins. (4) Include the name of a beneficiary (not the person who wins the bond) It can be a sibling or parent. The committee will provide you with a form to complete and an envelope to be mailed to The American Spelling Bee. Thank you for your cooperation.

* In contests where less than 20 contestants compete, the first place winner will only receive a trophy.