

2024 Speech Competition

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This is our seventh year of the Speech Competition. The purpose of the competition is to refine your presentation skills and market the organization. It should not feel or be presented like the ritual competition. This competition will further the practice of public speaking. We will have one category, **age 16 and over.**

1. The contestants will write up to a **four hundred (400) word**, typed, Arial Font 12 point double spaced speech on the following prompt:

Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

Note: Speech should not be Rainbow related – please use a concept from your life outside of Rainbow.

2. Judging: you will be scored on your ability to convince the judges of your position, appropriate attire, and presentation skills. You will receive some points for memorization, however, the main idea is to practice and focus on your public speaking skills
3. You will dress in business casual attire according to the California Rainbow dress code
4. You must be an active Rainbow girl with current dues paid
5. Your speech must be submitted in advance to the Director of Ritual Competition by **February 1, 2024.** Email speech to caioritualspeech@gmail.com
6. The competition will be held at Grand Assembly, 2024 on Friday night
7. Please make sure your name and assembly name are in the top right corner of your speech submission
8. Once I receive your speech, I will send you a copy of the judging score sheet so you're aware of the criteria
9. We will not use any props or PowerPoint presentations
10. Non PWAs, PWAs and PGOs age 16 and over are eligible. Current Grand Officers are not eligible. Past Grand Officers are eligible for this competition, as long as you have not attained majority on the day of the competition at Grand Assembly, 2024
11. The First place winner will deliver her speech at Grand Assembly

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Trish Parker-Palmer

Director of Ritual & Speech Competition

All of this information will be posted on the <https://www.qocarainbow.org/> page under “resources”

