



Nomination Form: Holle Award for Excellence in Public Speaking

The Holle Award for Excellence in Public Speaking recognizes exemplary oral communication skills. Students who are currently receiving scholarships or funding for college speech and debate activities are ineligible for this award. Please see the detailed award criteria on holleawards.com for specific expectations of student performances.

U.S. institutions of higher learning can nominate up to two undergraduate student contestants per year. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled in a Public Speaking course during the 2025-26 academic year. In 2026, only the first 25 nominations will be accepted. Once the submission cap is met, the application portal will close.

Each nominator is required to serve as a judge during the preliminary rounds in summer 2026. Judging of speeches will occur virtually in an asynchronous format. Judges will be sent links up to 5 different speeches to submit their feedback, ranks, and ratings through a secure awards platform.

This form must be completed by the faculty sponsor or course director and submitted by the student in the application portal to be considered.

Student Nomination: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Title and University Affiliation:

Semester and year the student was enrolled in public speaking: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Nominator's Email: _____

Alternative Email Address (optional): _____

- I have reviewed the criteria for the Holle Award for Excellence in Public Speaking and confirm this nominee meets the eligibility criteria. <https://holleawards.com/public-speaking/>
- As a nominator, I agree to serve as a judge during the preliminary rounds.

Signature: _____ Date: _____