



North Dakota State Spelling Bee

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Dear County Superintendents / Designees / Coordinators:

The ND Association of County Superintendents is the new sponsor for the State Spelling Bee. It is time once again to get enrolled for the 2015 Bee. You are receiving this notice because your name is in my records as the contact for your County. If you are not the County contact, please Email or call me.

The ND State Spelling Bee will be held on **Monday, March 30, 2015** at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. We want all North Dakota students, through grade 8, to be eligible to compete in the State Spelling Bee so we want to ensure that you are aware of the National and State enrollment requirements and deadlines.

It is critical that all schools in your county are notified of state and national requirements for participation in the State Spelling Bee. Please forward this information to all your county schools immediately so they can get enrollment payments approved by their school boards in order to meet the enrollment deadlines.

- **ONLY** school buildings enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee (SNSB) and the ND State Spelling Bee by the deadlines will be eligible to send students to the State Spelling Bee. The enrollment deadlines and late enrollment period are the same for both National and State. We want to ensure that we don't have disappointed students and parents that find out after the local bee that their school / student is not eligible to send a student to the State Bee.
- National enrollment is open online now, with a **deadline of OCTOBER 15, 2014**. Go to <http://www.spellingbee.com/> to enroll. The Scripps National Enrollment Fee is **\$130 per participating building** and **\$90 per home-school** wishing to enroll separately from their school of residence. SNSB, had designated a **late enrollment period of October 16—December 12, 2014**. Enrollments completed during the late enrollment period will be assessed a **\$75 late fee** (\$205 total). Schools not enrolled with National are ineligible to complete at the State Bee.
- State enrollment forms are included in this mailing, with a **deadline of OCTOBER 15, 2014**. The State Enrollment form is a paper process and the fees are **\$50 per participating building or \$5 per student for buildings with fewer than 15 students ADM (Maximum of \$50)**. There is a late enrollment period of **October 16—December 12, 2014**. Enrollments completed during the late enrollment period will be assessed a **\$10 late fee (or \$1 per student)**.
- Schools not enrolled with National and State by the end of the late enrollment period – **December 12, 2014** – are not eligible to send students to the State Bee.

Thank you for all you do for North Dakota students and for disseminating this information to all your county's schools. The continued success of the ND State Spelling Bee depends on the dedication, cooperation, and support from teachers, parents, county superintendent, and others in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Weber
Spelling Bee Coordinator

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