

## \$2,300 in scholarships

awarded by

- **East River Electric Power Cooperative**
- **Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative**
- **South Dakota Rural Electric Association**

State Champion .....\$1,100  
 Second Place .....\$750  
 Third Place .....\$450

*All finalists will receive certificates.*

### Schedule of Events:

#### Local conservation district contest:

Must be completed on or before March 30, 2019. Two winners will be eligible to advance to their respective area contest. Contact your local conservation district for contest times and location.

#### Area contest:

Must be completed on or before April 13, 2019. Two winners will be eligible to advance to the state finals.

#### State Finals:

Fourteen speakers, representing the seven Natural Resource Areas, will participate in the state finals. Three scholarship winners will be chosen - first, second and third places. State finals will be held in Pierre, April 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) in room 414 in the State Capitol.

South Dakota  
 High School Students  
**Win**

**\$2,300**  
 in Scholarships

Enter the  
 58<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Resource Conservation Speech Contest

2019 Topic:

**"Ag Technology:  
 Farming & Ranching for a Future"**

Sponsored by:



Touchstone Energy\*  
 Cooperatives  
 of South Dakota

South Dakota Department of Agriculture

The South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Point Limits	Explanation of Score Sheet Points
20	Speech adheres to the topic and is appropriate to the subject/topic
20	Speech shows originality
15	Good use of emphasis, voice control
15	Clear enunciation and pronunciation
10	Speaker has poise, shows enthusiasm
5	Thoughts and statements are not contradictory
5	Speech is developed around a logical sequence
5	Logical conclusions are, or can be drawn
5	Personal appearance
<b>100</b>	<b>Total maximum score</b>



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**TO:** South Dakota High School Guidance Counselors

**FROM:** Tiffany Shannon, Natural Resource Specialist/Speech Contest Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** 2019 Speech Contest: "Ag Technology: Farming & Ranching for a Future"

Each year, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry, assists in sponsoring a speech contest for high school students. Any South Dakota student in grades 9-12 is eligible to compete for \$2,300 in scholarships. Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, including East River Electric Power Cooperative, Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, and South Dakota Rural Electric Association, contributes the scholarship funds. The first place winner receives \$1,100, second place receives \$750 and third place receives \$450.

We would like to see more students participate in this contest. Along with the possibility of winning a scholarship, the students will gain skills in public speaking and increase their knowledge about natural resource conservation.

I have enclosed a copy of the brochure for the 2019 contest. This brochure contains all the rules and deadlines for the contest. Please feel free to make additional copies of the brochure as necessary.

Information about the contest is on our website at:

<http://sdda.sd.gov/conservation-forestry/educational-programs/resource-conservation-speech-contest/>

If you would like more information, please contact your local conservation district. If you are not able to contact your conservation district, please call me at 605-773-3624. You may also email me at [tiffany.thompson@state.sd.us](mailto:tiffany.thompson@state.sd.us). Please put "Speech Contest" in the subject line.

**Please share with other staff members and any home-schooled students in your district.**