



SWIFT

APRIL 2024

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**IHSSA + YOU
HELLO! HELLO!**

- **ALL STATE CONGRATS**
- **ALL STATE GRATITUDE**
- **DISTRICT OFFICERS**
- **SPRING MEETINGS**
- **24.25 CALENDAR**
- **CONTEST HOSTS**
- **HOF SCHOLARSHIP**
- **+ MORE!**

"The philosophy of the IHSSA is built upon the belief that no form of activity is any more important than that of learning to communicate effectively."

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IHSSA IE ALL STATE CONGRATS!

IE SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY 2024

Dubuque Senior

22 Outstanding Performers



IOWA HIGH SCHOOL
SPEECH ASSOCIATION

2024 NFHS/IHSSA

Outstanding Educators

of the Year

Jacki Pleggenkuhle: WAUKEE

Suzi Jones: PELLA



CONGRATULATIONS

2024 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HEART OF THE ARTS AWARD



ANDERS LOVSTUEN

NATIONAL AWARDEE

Iowa

The National High School “Heart of the Arts” Award was conceptualized by the NFHS in 2014 and has since been utilized to honor those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the arts and represent the core mission of education-based activities. The NFHS Heart of the Arts Selection Committee has selected its 2024 NATIONAL Award Winner: ANDERS LOVSTUEN, Decorah High School. Anders is a multiple IHSSA All-Stater and is a semi-finalist National Merit Scholar. Anders also thrives in FFA, 4-H, robotics, Envirothon, the Student Leadership Committee, and is a wrestling manager and football statistician. The IHSSA together with the NFHS extends an abundance of applause to Anders! Anders will be honored nationally this summer in Boston.



IHSSA IE ALL STATE GRATITUDE!

One of the many reasons the IHSSA is so successful is the dedication and gracious service of committee members and speech coaches in Iowa!

SPECIAL THANKS to the IE ALL STATE COMMITTEE:

DAVID WENDT, Special Assistant
KIM CARLSON, Monticello
MANDA THOMAS, CAM
GABE TWEDT, Decorah
NATE IRWIN, Sioux City East

Thank you to the following PELLA students for providing the National Anthem:

Olivia Hood & Luci Hopkins.

Thank you to WAUKEE 9th student Anvitha Gaddi for the Trumpet Fanfares.

SPECIAL THANKS to ROOM CHAIRS:

Hampton-Dumont-CAL Coaches
Jane Bostian, Wapello
Ashley Fogle, East Buchanan
West Lyon Coaches
Sioux City East Coaches
Tammy Dickinson-Ferrell, Roland Story
Dirk Waller, Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln
Kim Sleezer, Iowa City Liberty
Jackye Bowlin, Mount Pleasant
Jon Russell, Ankeny Centennial
North Scott Coaches
MFL MarMac Coaches
Denison-Schleswig Coaches
Marcine Tracy, Marquette Catholic
Amanda Knox, Starmont

ADDITIONAL thank you's to our All-State Extra Hands and Hearts: Michele Letzkus, Angie Manternach, Liz Hansen, Shawn Starr, Teresa Lawler, Emily Eisenman, and Brian Erbe. Thank you for your tireless work.



GRATITUDE to the UNIVERSITY of NORTHERN IOWA:

Host Marilyn Shaw, Nikki Harken, and the staff at UNI, thank you for your gracious help and support! YOU made the DAY for all of us! Festival is truly something to HONK! HONK! about! We thank UNI for that incredible support over the years!

APPLAUSE TO OUR SPONSORS:

Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union
Cedar Falls Convention and Visitors

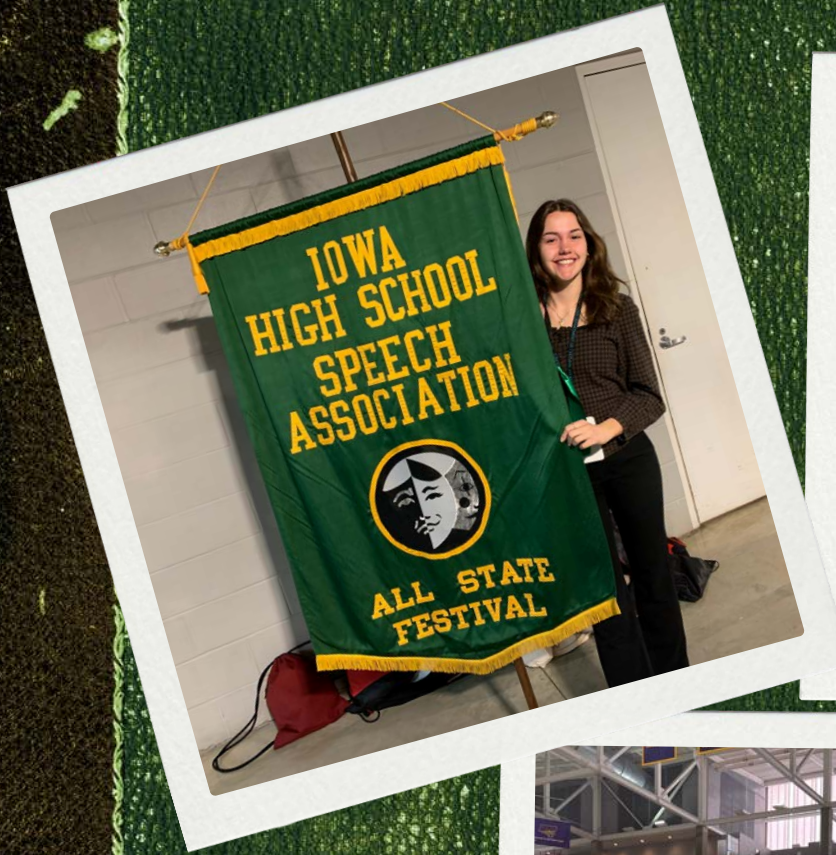
Bureau

IHSMTA, Poetry Outloud, Vorland Photography, Fine Designs

COACHES! TAKE A BIG BOW! YOU did a most supreme job of supporting and affirming all of your students! YOU provided an avenue to make the Festival a true and forever experience for your students +!

THANK YOU to RISE students, Waterloo West, and Sioux City East students for their extra help as door persons and ticket takers!

177 schools earned OUTSTANDING nominations this year. It is a tremendous testament to the very caring and dedication of students and coaches in our state. We congratulate all those who participated in the 47th Annual IHSSA All-State Individual Events Festival!





THANK YOU!! IE ALL STATE SPONSORS!



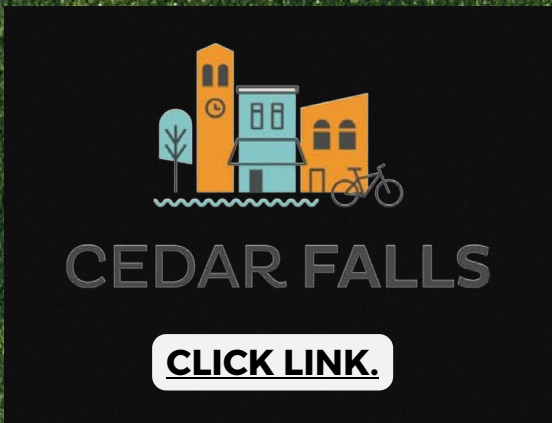
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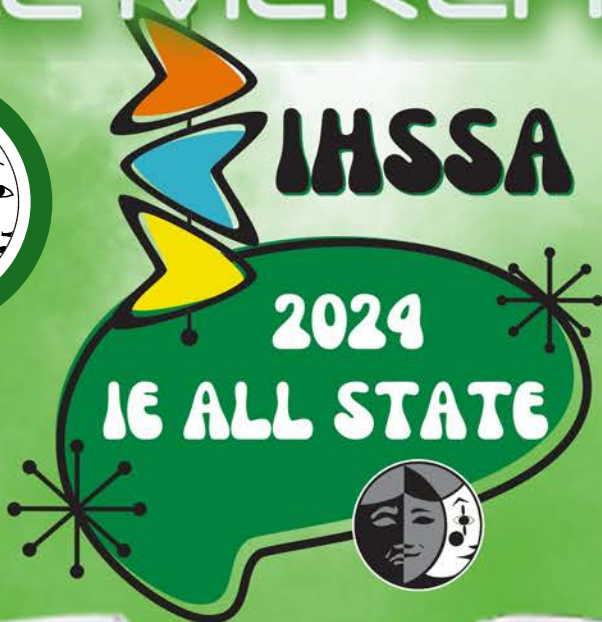
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2024 IHSSA All State Individual Events

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE



T-SHIRTS ● HOODIES ● PERFORMANCE APPAREL

FINE DESIGNS LINK

AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT OR PURCHASE ONLINE !!!



IHSSA DISTRICT OFFICERS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our **DISTRICT OFFICERS!** Thank you for offering your leadership, your care and your guidance. The District Officers attend all contests and often, put the needs of the entire Association above their own teams.

HEIDI ROTTINK, Don Bosco

NE: Secretary

I enjoy being an officer because of the amazing community of people I get to work with. I love meeting all the coaches and making connections.



SAM MAGNER, Hampton-Dumont CAL

NE: Vice President

IHSSA is important because it's a group that is inclusive and doesn't discriminate, and allows students to be themselves. I like my role in IHSSA because I get to watch students perform and gain skills in communication that will help them throughout life.



MOLLY HOLKESVIK, Decorah

NE: President

The IHSSA helps students find their confidence, think critically, speak articulately, and collaborate with a team. The IHSSA changed my life in high school. Today, the IHSSA is still changing my life. I have found my home with the IHSSA as coach, colleague, district officer, and mentor.



JARROD ROTH, Storm Lake

NW: Secretary

I enjoy serving as a District Officer because it allows me to grow in my connections. I'm able to step up as a leader and help make it the best for kids across Iowa.



DEB BENJAMIN, Emmetsburg **NW: Vice President**

I enjoy being a part of the IHSSA because it gives students a place to find their voice and step out of their comfort zones. The IHSSA is a family with shared passions and beliefs that want to help students develop their talents.



KIM KELLER, Manson NW Webster

NW: President

I enjoy being a district officer because I have the opportunity to help contest hosts, coaches, and performers have a positive contest experience. I really enjoy visiting with coaches from Northwest Iowa.





IHSSA DISTRICT OFFICERS

Interested in running for a District Officer?
Here is the [EXPECTATIONS link](#).
Nominations are submitted at the Spring Meetings with voting taking place soon after.

BRIANNE MAGILL, Central DeWitt SE: Secretary

I enjoy gaining a greater understanding and appreciation for the IHSSA Constitution, and have loved experiencing the behind-the-scenes action at contests alongside other coaches, judges, and IHSSA VIPs!



DIXIE FORCHT, South Tama SE: Vice President

I am proud to be part of an organization that supports and sustains coaches and students in the pursuit of their passions. IHSSA affirms and appreciates its members while promoting performance activities that allow students to express themselves, feel seen and heard, and celebrate their efforts in doing so.



JACKYE BOWLIN, Mt. Pleasant SE: President

The IHSSA is important to me because the spirit of this community never fail to reignite my passion for teaching. Every conversation, policy, or initiative I am a part of always includes the question "What is best for kids?" and I do believe all students have a place in the IHSSA.



JON RUSSELL, Ankeny Centennial SW: Secretary

I love serving as an IHSSA officer because I enjoy supporting the students, coaches, and communities that make the IHSSA so fantastic!



LAURA GRANGER, Creston SW: Vice President

The IHSSA is an amazing thing that helps students find a place to belong, develop self-confidence, and discover their talents.



KELLY THOMPSON, Waukee Northwest SW: President

The IHSSA changed my life. I failed speech in junior high. I was so shy and miserable... I was a fish out of water. Until, that is, I found my people. I met my first coach, and IHSSA Hall of Famer: Michael Peitz. He got me started on this life-long journey.





Northeast **IHSSA**

Spring Meeting

Where: Fredricks
1217 W Bremer Ave.
Waverly, Iowa



When: May 3rd
9:00am-2:30pm

Cost: \$25

Includes donuts, a pasta lunch, drinks, prizes, and more.

Why: IHSSA updates,
comradarie, prizes, pasta,
and lots of fun!



[RSVP Here](#)



MEETING

Join us for the annual Spring Coaches Meeting. We will share news, ideas, and inspiration for the 2024-2025 contest year.

Cost - \$25 - Includes lunch, refreshments,
and door prizes

MAY 10, 2024

9:00AM

Please make checks payable to:
MNW Schools

RSVP by May 1, 2024

**Twin Lakes Bible Camp
7718 Twin Lakes Road
Manson, Iowa 50563**

Questions: Contact Kim Keller - kkeller@mnwcougars.com



SAVE THE DATE!

IHSSA Southeast District Spring

COACHES MEETING

All coaches of the Southeast are encouraged to attend! This is the chance to connect with other coaches, reflect on the contest season, share expertise, be inspired, and eat great food!

MAY 8, 2024

9:00am - 3:00pm

The Merino Loft, Amana

Details and RSVP information will be coming to you in email and on IHSSA's website soon!



Southwest Spring Meeting

IHSSA



Monday, May 6, 2024

9:00 am - 2:30 pm



Workshop sessions
Celebrations for the Year
Committee Reports

Cost \$25 (Light breakfast and lunch)

LOCATION:

Panora Community Center
115 West Main
Panora, IA 50216

RSVP To Kelly Thompson via email

kthompson@waukeeschools.org

by April 19th

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IHSSA DATES FOR 2024-2025

AUGUST 17, 2024 - JUDGES / COACHES WORKSHOP, VIRTUAL

**OCTOBER 11/12, 2024 - IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION
GATEWAY HOTEL, AMES**

**JANUARY 10/11, 2025 - STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT,
DMACC, ANKENY**

JANUARY 25, 2025 - DISTRICT LARGE GROUP CONTEST

FEBRUARY 8, 2025 - STATE LARGE GROUP CONTEST

**FEBRUARY 22, 2025 - ALL-STATE FESTIVAL LARGE GROUP
IOWA STATE CENTER, AMES**

MARCH 1, 2025 - DISTRICT INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

MARCH 15, 2025 - STATE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

**MARCH 31, 2025 - ALL-STATE FESTIVAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS,
UNI, CEDAR FALLS**

Get these dates to your students, parents, and administration so you
can plan for these dates next year!

Web link for all Unified Dates for 2022-2027
<http://ighsau.org/calendar/>



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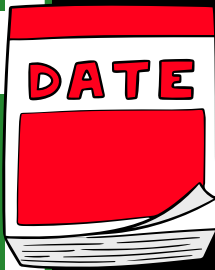
IHSSA LOGO TRADEMARK

Please remember the IHSSA Logo is a trademark symbol and cannot be used unless you have permission from the IHSSA State Office. The IHSSA logo may not be used for end of the year awards/certificates/clothing/etc. Permission must be requested for any type of use. The IHSSA is a copyrighted trademark symbol.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



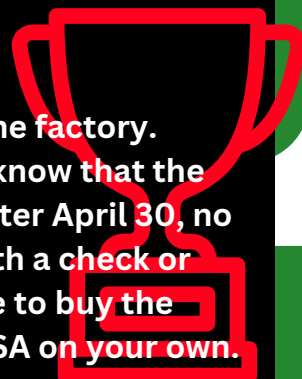
Information regarding the Academic Achievement program for the IHSSA is in the online area of the IHSSA web site. Please remember the "AA" award is for the entire Large Group, Debate, and Individual Events entries and not separate individuals or groups. Example: not Readers Theatre only, but all Large Group entries. If you have any questions concerning this award, please call the State Office.



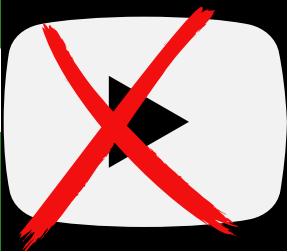
CONTEST DATES FOR 2024-25

Be sure to check the page in this issue of SWIFT that has the dates of IHSSA events. Make copies and give them to your Activities Director, Principal, Superintendent, Counselors, office staff, fellow teaching staff, and, most importantly: YOUR STUDENTS. If we plan for these dates now, there will be less conflict in 2024-2025. For those of you who like to plan ahead, the IHSSA has the calendar set for contest dates through the year 2027. Give us a call for those dates or talk to your Activities Director.

AWARDS



Please remember all awards will be shipped directly to your school from the factory. Therefore, we ask that you allow 2 -3 weeks for delivery. It is important to know that the State Office will NOT have any awards on hand for emergency requests. After April 30, no PO#s will be accepted for an award order. However, you still may order with a check or cash after April 30. Please plan AHEAD for your award ceremonies. Be sure to buy the IHSSA award for the extra official look! You are not allowed to use the IHSSA on your own.



NO POSTING on YOUTUBE

Please remember that the royalty agreement you have for contest does NOT cover your events to be posted on YouTube. If you have students or parents who are posting their events or performances on YouTube, be aware that you are not covered under any type of IHSSA agreement. It is strongly advised that these postings be taken down.

MORE notes



FAMILY WEEK 2024 DATES

The Iowa High School Speech Association, Iowa High School Music Association, Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, in response to recommendations from our ad hoc committee, implemented a "Family Week" on the Unified Activities Federation Calendar. "Family Week" is a week that prohibits any coach or teacher/student contact and any unified activity event from occurring. That period will include Sunday through Sunday of week 3 and Week 4 of the calendar. It will begin July 28, 2024 and extend through August 4, 2024. The Iowa High School Speech Association supports "Family Week", and there can be no speech, theatre, or debate activities within the IHSSA member schools during that week. All high school students, including incoming 9th graders, are covered under the rule and are not to have contact (on or off school premises) with teachers nor use school facilities during the eight day period.

HAVE YOU PAID ALL ENTRY FEES??



Please take a moment to make sure your fees are paid. At this time, we have several coaches schools who still have not paid for their membership fee from the fall or convention. Your invoices for all contests can be found on your login/password page. Please take a moment and check to see if your fees are paid. Debate, Lg.Group District/State/All State, IE District/State/All State, Membership, Convention, Awards. Please contact the IHSSA office for any questions.

CONTEST SITES + YOU!



We are still in need of CONTEST SITES for 2025! Please consider hosting. Hosting builds comradery and connection within your school community. Hosting is an excellent fund raiser for your IHSSA Family. AND...hosting allows you to be on your "home court!" No yellow hornet rides needed! Please call the State Office if you are interested.

SPRING MEETINGS + YOU!

Be sure to attend your respective District meeting. These meetings are essential for a coach to attend. This is NOT a rule change year. Very important items will be discussed and reviewed. This meeting is the place to start the process for the future and gain professional insight!



SPRING MEETING DATES

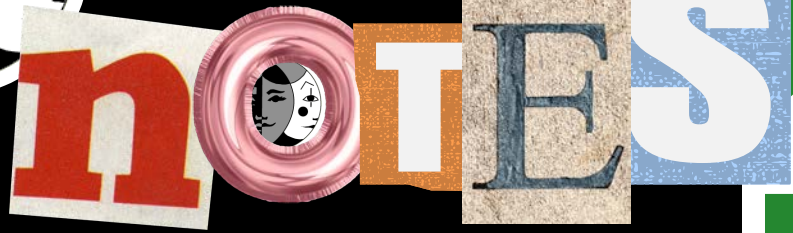
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SE: Wednesday, May 8, AMANAS

SW: Monday, May 6, PANORA





SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Every year we receive calls at the State Office inquiring which schools have the most entries in the contest series. These are the numbers for the top schools in the IHSSA as to participation in categories. The following schools had entries in every category and every available amount they could take.

LARGE GROUP

Northeast

Decorah: 3 shy

Dubuque Senior: 1 shy

Northwest

No School

Southeast

CR Washington

Mount Vernon: 1 shy

Southwest

No School

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Decorah

Dubuque Senior

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

Maquoketa Valley: 2 shy

Waterloo West: 2 shy

Waverly-Shell Rock

Denison-Schleswig: 1 shy

Fort Dodge

CR Washington

Mount Vernon

North Scott

Northeast Community: 2 shy

Pella Community: 3 shy

Dallas Center-Grimes

Waukee: 3 shy

Waukee Northwest: 2 shy

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

Without the care and service of these schools/coaches, the IHSSA contest series would not be able to run as effectively as it does!
THANK YOU from all of us! **PLEASE** write them a **NOTE** of thanks!

NORTHWEST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

Denison: Laurel Olsen/Cynthia Koster
Northwestern College: Jodi Grant
Sioux City East: Kindall Todd

LARGE GROUP STATE

Spencer: Becky Koenig

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

MOC-Floyd Valley: Joel Stauffer
Sioux Central: Alyssa Rusk
Woodbury Central: Denise Heiman

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

Kuemper Catholic: Deb Gute

NORTHEAST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

Cascade: Angie Manternach
Decorah: Molly Holkesvik
Union: Stephania Sauer

LARGE GROUP STATE

Dubuque Senior: Aaron Dean

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Maquoketa Valley: Matt/Debbie DeVore
Mason City: Becky Rother
West Delaware: Abigail Goldsmith

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

Hampton-Dumont CAL: Emileigh Eilderts

SOUTHWEST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

ACGC: Kelsey Dinkla
Clarke Osceola: Don May
Shenandoah: Amy Toye
WDM Valley: Sam Melz

LARGE GROUP STATE

Ankeny Centennial: Jon Russell

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Bondurant-Farrar: Kaitlyn Vasey
Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson: Matt Schmidt
East Union: Clarissa McCollough
Waukee Northwest: Angela Youngers

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

ADM: Jacque Seidl

SOUTHEAST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

Keota: Gina Bennett/Michael McNurlen
Iowa City Liberty: Kim Sleezer
Monticello: Kim Carlson
Pella: Ashlee Whittington

LARGE GROUP STATE

Pleasant Valley: Christina Myatt

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Montezuma: Liesl Roorda
Mount Vernon: Tawnua Tenley
North Scott: Stacie Kintigh/Emily Hintze
South Tama: Dixie Forcht

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

Cedar Rapids Xavier: Scott Davidson

If you are interested in hosting a contest in the future please contact the IHSSA State Office. At this time we already have many sites for the 2025 and 2025 contest seasons, however, we can always use more! Please call to host in the future.
YOU are NEEDED!



2024 HALL OF FAME SCHOLARSHIP

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
APPLY!**



Each IHSSA member school is entitled to one applicant for four \$1,000 scholarships offered by the IHSSA's Hall of Fame. The speech coach of a member school should give the application form to a student who best exemplifies a candidate; who, in their estimation would benefit from such a scholarship and meets the stated qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. The applicant must be a senior in good standing.
2. The applicant should have participated in various speech/drama activities during high school.
3. One applicant per IHSSA school.

This is the application form and must be in the IHSSA State Office no later than *APRIL 5*. No consideration will be given to an application received after *APRIL 5*. The winner will be announced by the IHSSA Hall of Fame.

APPLICATION for THE IHSSA HALL OF FAME SCHOLARSHIP

NAME OF STUDENT APPLICANT _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

SCHOOL NAME _____

NAME OF IHSSA COACH _____

This application must be MAILED to the IHSSA State Office AND received no later than *April 5* to be eligible. When the application is received, Hall of Fame Scholarship materials will then be sent to each applicant from the State Office.

2024 HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! NOMINATE!

Be sure to take a moment and nominate someone for the IHSSA Hall of Fame. Induction into the Iowa High School Speech Association Hall of Fame is the highest honor the Speech Association may confer on an individual. It is presented to a distinguished individual of state-wide reputation and outstanding accomplishments. The contribution and service given by the inductee stem from dedication and commitment to the Iowa High School Speech programs *beyond* normally expected and superlative identification. By the model of their lifetime work they have exemplified most clearly and forcefully the ideas and purposes to which high school speech programs and competitions are dedicated.

If you are aware of a speech coach, administrator, or judge who fulfills the above criteria, please send the IHSSA a letter for recommendation. Your nomination will be held in strict confidence and forwarded to the Hall of Fame Jury for their consideration.

Please include a paragraph or two in which you justify why you believe this individual is worthy of being inducted into the IHSSA Hall of Fame.

Thank you - Hall of Fame Jury

APPLICATION for THE

IHSSA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION Link: also on website

JUDGE EVALUATION FORM



Your voice is important! After every contest the Judge Certification Committee asks for your insight and assistance in completing the "Judge Evaluation Forms". Here's why ...

Each August, the Judge Certification Committee thoroughly examines each and every individual evaluation form. Judges who have earned superior feedback receive positive affirmation from the State Office. Judges that are in need of support receive extra guidance and clarification. Your assessment makes the whole process circular -- our judges "judge" our students and we "judge" our judges. Also, this is your opportunity to model and exercise "justification". Ultimately this system of giving and receiving constructive feedback is better for the whole community: judges, coaches, and most importantly -- our students. Additionally, your evaluation assists the Judge Certification Committee in collecting information for areas that are in need of training and/or areas that require more clarification. Your feedback aids in the thoughtfulness of continued education to judges on the rules as well as how to properly interpret and justify the IHSSA Constitution.

We kindly ask that you complete a judge evaluation form as close to the end of each contest day as possible. Your thoughts will be fresh in your mind before you encounter your next contest day and your next round of judges. Your Contest Manager will include a reminder and specific instructions for completing the "Judge Evaluation Forms" with your ballots.

COACH REMINDER: Please complete a "JUDGE EVALUATION FORM" for each of your judges.
THANK YOU! IHSSA JUDGE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

1. Begin by going to www.ihssa.org
2. Click on "Online Registration" on the right of your screen.
3. Then, continue to log in as you would normally do to register.
4. Click on "Judge Evaluation Forms" at the bottom of the IHSSA Online Forms page.
5. Next, click on "Continue to Evaluation Form".
6. Complete "Judge Evaluation Form" and finally, click submit. (Use the "List of Judges" on the back side of this sheet if you need assistance with spelling.) Complete a separate evaluation for each of the judges.

1. Your Contest Manager supplied you with the LIST of JUDGES at Contest.
2. Complete an evaluation for each judge.

CALLBOARD

- April 4-6: South Tama, Little Women
- April 5-7: Northeast Community, Little Women
- April 11-14: Waukee, Monty Python's SPAMALOT
- April 12-13: Clarke Community, Clue: On Stage
- April 12-14: Bondurant-Farrar, The Lightning Thief
- April 12-14: Wapsie Valley, The Addams Family
- April 18-20: Fort Dodge, Tuck Everlasting
- April 18-20: Johnston, Fiddler on the Roof
- April 18-20: Siouxland Christian, Les Miserables
- April 19-20: Woodbury Central, Selected Scenes
- April 19-21: Mid-Prairie, Puffs!
- April 19-21: Camanche, A Midsummer Night's Dream
- April 19-28: North Scott, Disney's Beauty and the Beast
- April 25-26: Davis County, Grease The Musical
- April 25-27: Dowling Catholic, Newsies
- April 26-28: ACGC, Tuck Everlasting
- April 26-28: Waterloo Columbus, Chicago: Teen Edition
- April 26-28: West Des Moines Valley, Cinderella
- April 27-28: Algona, The Internet is Distract- OH LOOK A KITTEN!
- April 27-28: Nodaway Valley, The Hallmarks of Horror
- May 3-5: Lawton-Bronson, Gathering Blue
- May 9: Ankeny Southview, Paper or Plastic?



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