

Richard Riggleman Speech Coach Award

The Richard Riggleman Speech Coach Award was established to recognize young IHSSA Speech Coaches. The award consists of 1,000 per year, renewable for two consecutive years, for a total of \$3,000.

The recipient must be a **second/third year teacher** as of the start of the 2026-2027 school year and active in IHSSA activities. **Those interested may contact the IHSSA State Office for an application.** The award will be presented at the annual IHSSA Speech Coaches Convention.

The profile of the recipient should reflect the following disciplines: (1) must be in a second or third year residence of teaching at an Iowa School participating in the IHSSA; (2) show a commitment to coaching speech, large group events, individual events, and/or debate; (3) demonstrate excellence in the coaching of speech; (4) have past experience competing in high school or college speech; and (5) present a scholastic record with speech emphasis.

The Riggleman Award is the first of its kind that has been established with the IHSSA. Mr. Riggleman was an active IHSSA coach for over 30 years and was very active with IHSSA activities as a judge, State Debate Tournament manager, and manager for numerous State and District contests. Richard Riggleman was most recently inducted into the IHSSA Hall of Fame.

The IHSSA is extremely grateful to Mr. Riggleman for his generous and continued support of the Iowa High School Speech Association.

Richard Riggleman Award Application

(Note to Applicants: Please TYPE all responses on the forms provided. This application must be signed by an administrator.)

Applicant's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Telephone: () _____ School Telephone: () _____

School District: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

First year of teaching: (year) _____ School: _____

Involved in IHSSA events: (please check) Debate _____ LG _____ IE _____

Year certified as an IHSSA Judge: _____

Past high school experiences in speech, debate, and IHSSA activities. Include your high school name. _____

Past college experiences in speech, debate, theatre, and IHSSA activities:

First year (and second year if applicable) IHSSA results or participation as an IHSSA Coach:

Debate: _____

Large Group: _____

Individual Events: _____

Other tournament results or participation: _____

Additional comments: _____

Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administrator's Direct Phone: _____

The complete application must include the following:

1. Application Form
2. Statement from Applicant
3. A Letter of Reference from an Administrator

Please do NOT include a photo.

The above materials must be returned via email no later than **1:00 pm on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.**

Statement from the Applicant

(Please restrict your typed comments to the front of this sheet only.)

Nominee Signature: _____