

# Ralph D. Vines, II

## Public Speaking Contest 2025

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We empower youth to develop critical thinking skills, leadership abilities, poise, and professionalism through public speaking.

**Application Deadline:** Friday, March 07, 2025

**Contest Date:** Sunday, April 13, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Clinton Presidential Center

1200 President Clinton Ave. Little Rock, AR 72201

### **Presentation**

Contestants should introduce themselves, their topic and begin their speech. Visual aids, props, or the assistance of a prompter are not allowed. Speeches must be original, written by the student, in good taste for a group of peers/adults, and cover topics such as Social, Economic, and Industry.

### **Length of Speech**

Each contestant must recite speech by memory within the time guidelines. A penalty will be assessed against speakers who fail to complete the speech within the allotted time. Speech lengths for age groups are as follows:

**Ages 9-12:** 1.5–2 min

**Ages 13-15:** 2–2.5 min

**Ages 16-19:** 2.5–3 min

A girl and a boy will win the  
**Winthrop P. Rockefeller Grand Prize \$1,500**

**For each age category:**

1st: **\$600**

2nd: **\$400**

3rd: **\$300**

All speakers receive **\$50**

For more information about the program, visit [ralphvinesendowment.com](http://ralphvinesendowment.com). Due to growing interest, a limited number of applications will be accepted. All applications must be submitted directly by each applicant's school counselor or principal to [submissions@ralphvinesendowment.com](mailto:submissions@ralphvinesendowment.com) to be considered.