

JCI Public Speaking Competition Toolkit



JCI  TM

2025 Edition



Introduction

The JCI Public Speaking Championship is a prestigious annual event designed to empower JCI members to improve and exhibit their communication skills. The competition encourages personal and professional growth by enhancing participants' confidence, composure, and communication abilities, which are vital for effective leadership. As a core activity under the Individual Development Area of Opportunity, this event plays a significant role in advancing JCI's mission and reputation by demonstrating the impactful oratory skills of its members.

Objectives



Develop Leadership Skills

Participants enhance their leadership capabilities through structured expression and persuasive communication.

Personal Growth

The competition fosters self-confidence and personal development, preparing members for professional challenges.

Community Impact

By focusing on impactful topics, speakers contribute to community awareness and solutions through effective advocacy.

Registration Details

Opening Date

All Four Area Conferences will open their applications on:
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Deadline

- Conference of America: Thursday, April 3, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- Africa and the Middle East: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- European Conference: Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- Asia and the Pacific: Thursday, May 8, 2025, 23:59 GMT

Eligibility and Submission

- Each contestant must receive approval from their National President.
- Only one representative per National Organization is allowed to participate.
- Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

World Congress

- Only the winners from the four Area Conferences automatically qualify for the World Public Speaking Championship at the World Congress.
- Area Winners receive free registration for the 2025 JCI World Congress.
- Area Winners must arrange and fund their own travel and accommodation.

Fees and Logistics

Area Conferences

Participants cover their own registration, travel, and accommodation expenses.

Event Registration

Contestants must be registered for the corresponding JCI Event to participate in the program. For organisational purposes, please kindly ensure that your entire team has signed up for the JCI Event no later than:

- Conference of America: Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- Africa and the Middle East Conference: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- European Conference: Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- Asia and the Pacific Conference: Thursday, June 5, 2025, 23:59 GMT
- World Congress: Thursday, October 30, 2025, 23:59 GMT

World Congress

- Complimentary registration is provided to the four Area Winners; travel and accommodation are not covered.

Competition Rules and Format



Speaking Topics

- Selection: Topics are determined through an online vote by JCI members.
- Guidance: Participants receive all relevant information on topics, dates, and times to ensure thorough preparation.

Language Requirements

- Area Conferences: Speeches can be in English, Spanish, or French.
- World Congress: English is the mandatory language for speeches.

Speech Structure and Timing

- Structure: Each speech must include an engaging introduction, a clear and meaningful body, and a powerful conclusion.
- Timing: Speeches must be between 5 and 7 minutes. Deviations result in disqualification.

Competition Format

Area Conferences

These begin with a preliminary round featuring 12 contestants. The speaking order is determined by a random draw prior to the competition. From this round, the top 3 contestants are selected to advance to the finals.

World Congress

This consists of a single round where the winners from each of the four Area Conferences compete.

Judging Process

- **Panel Composition:** Each judging panel includes three judges proficient in the presentation language of the contestant.
- **Criteria:** Evaluation is based on content clarity, engagement level, delivery effectiveness, and appropriate language use.
- **Confidentiality:** Scores are confidential and will not be shared; however, participants may approach judges for personal feedback.

Resources

Score sheet for Public Speaking: This sheet is used to evaluate the speakers' performances based on various criteria such as clarity, engagement, content relevance, and overall delivery. It provides a standardized method to score each participant and helps in determining the winner effectively.

Additional Information



For any queries regarding registration or competition details, participants can contact JCI at programs@jci.cc.