

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are glad to have you on the fourth edition of the Junior Speller Spelling Competition. Your child is on a long educative fun-filled journey. The motive of this programme is not only for your ward to learn how to spell words but we intend to assist them improve their vocabulary, learn correct spelling and pronunciation of British English and build their self-confidence.

The Ghanaian education hangs on the English language, so proper understanding of the language is key for every child to do well in all the other subjects. Born Heroes Foundation uses “Junior Speller” competitions to help learners master the language.

Why our wards should partake in Junior Speller competition

1. Promotes literacy by providing children with a positive goal to work toward, and give them a forum to demonstrate the fruits of their hard work.
2. Improves spelling, and aids children in learning concepts, improving comprehension and developing study skills.
3. Since children are required to spell words while on stage, it also develops self-confidence, communication and public speaking skills, and the ability to thrive under pressure.
4. Children gain competency over vocabulary and this allows them to excel at reading and writing.
5. Preparation for the bee is a comprehensive learning process that allows children to learn the definition, pronunciation, and roots of the words, which ultimately creates new learning strategies in them.
6. Children develop friendly rivalry and sportsmanship skills which will help them for life.
7. Parents and guardians also appreciate such initiatives that allow their children to get national level exposure.
8. Junior Speller gets national coverage all over news and television. It helps the learners to gain a better perspective towards life, and incorporate valuable life skills, and manage difficult situations with ease.

“Junior Speller” Spelling competition is categorised into two:

1. Minor Division: This will be done for learners in basic school one (1) to four (4).
2. Prime Division: This will have learners in basic five (5) to basic nine (9).

Junior Speller is in four (4)-five (5) graduating stages, from the classroom/audition contest to the National Stage. Each stage comes at a different fee, with accompanying resources once your Speller qualifies.

Below are highlights of the four stages:

1. Registration – Enrolment is NOW

Registration fee: GH¢ 70.00

1. Your Speller will have access to a wordlist to study and prepare for an audition/assessment test which will not be telecast. This will equip your Speller to familiarize themselves with the whole process and also build enough confidence to face the camera. That will be the first meeting. This will be the first spelling competition for those who have registered.

2. District level: · Registration fee GH¢ 200. This will be for only those who qualified from the local spelling Bee competition (Audition) and this will be telecast. Your Speller will receive a spelling

handbook containing all words to be selected for the competition, roots of words, tricks in spelling, homonyms, and word origin. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation, and a Junior Speller shirt.

3. Regional level. Registration Fee

Congratulations to you and your Speller if you make it to this stage;

Winners from the various district competitions will compete at the regional level.

4. National Level: Registration fee.

Winners from the regions will compete for the national winner.

We will always contact you days before a programme.

Initial Registration Charges	= GH ¢ 70.00
District/Quarter Final Charges	= GH ¢ 200.00

DEADLINE DATES

Date for school registration - November 2021 - February 2022

Date for all district/quarter final Contest - March - June 2022

Regional Competitions/Semi Final - July 2022

National Competition/Grand Final - August 2022

If there should be a change of date, it will be communicated as soon as possible.

PRIZES

School Contest: Certificate of Participation for all participants.

District/Quarter Final Contest Certificates, and dictionaries for best spellers.

Regional Contest/Semi-final Certificates to all spellers. Tablets to best spellers.

National Contest Trophy, Cash prizes, school bags, books and many more.

MEDIA PLATFORMS

YouTube, Facebook, TV and other platforms.

All charges at the regional and national finals will be communicated to stakeholders and apply to only those who participate at a particular level.

After you have qualified and you decide to opt-out, you will forfeit your prize(s) at all levels.

Payments made are non-refundable.

All awards are presented at the national final.

We will always contact you days before a programme. All programme venues will be communicated to you. If you are registering as an individual, all your programmes are going to be on weekends.

Are you ready to commit with your ward who is in the basic school?!

We look forward to working with you and your Spellers.

Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

Best Regards,
Junior Speller Board
www.juniorspeller.com