



# GOLDEN GAVEL JUDGING SUMMARY

(To be completed by each judge)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	Speech	Presentation	Audience Response	Techniques	Language	TOTAL	Top 3 Ranking
Name	/35	/20	/15	/15	/15	/100	

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RANKINGS**

First \_\_\_\_\_ (3 points)

Second \_\_\_\_\_ (2 points)

Third \_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JUDGES

- 1 ) Each speech should have a distinct opening, body and conclusion.of the audience. for the speech.  
Both the opening and the conclusion should be in appropriate length  
This should include an address to the Master of Ceremonies and an acknowledgment
- 2 ) All speeches must be significantly original. Plagiarism is not acceptable and is ground for disqualification.  
Quotations from other speakers and sources must be acknowledged.
- 3 ) There should be a recognizable purpose to each speech. To entertain is a purpose.
- 4 ) Body language and gestures must add to the speech.
- 5 ) Stage presence indicates the speaker's comfort level.
- 6 ) The speaker's appearance should be appropriate to the speech.
- 7 ) If props are used, they must support the speech, be displayed with confidence and used effectively.
- 8 ) Notes are acceptable, not recommended. If they are used, the speaker should do so inconspicuously.
- 9 ) Vernacular should only be used if appropriate to the speech. Socially unacceptable language is to be avoided.
- 10 ) Be confident in your decision. Complete the feedback form for the contestant to the best of your ability.  
They will appreciate it.

CONSIDER WRITING YOUR SPEAKERS COMMENTS AS THE SPEAKER IS DELIVERING THEIR PRESENTATION.