



STATE SPEECH SPOTLIGHT: OPEN DIVISION

The NSAA is dedicated to promoting social inclusion within fine arts activities. Speech teams across the state have students with physical and/or intellectual disabilities on their rosters. We would like to shine a spotlight of inclusion on these students during the 2023 NSAA State Speech Championships. In each of our six classes, we will create a maximum of two additional sections to Spotlight. Students who perform in these added sections may perform from any of the following individual events: Informative, Persuasive, Entertainment, Poetry, POI, Humorous, or Serious. One NSAA-certified judge will provide feedback to the participants of each section. Students will not be ranked within their round and all will receive a gold NSAA medal during the award ceremony for their class. If you know of someone on your speech team who would be a good fit for our State Speech Spotlight: Open Division, please fill out the application form.

Applications will close March 9th and the coaches of selected students will be notified on March 10th.

Students who are eligible to apply must meet the following criteria:

- Students must have competed in at least one regular season tournament and successfully presented their speech in front of an audience.
- Students must have a recognized disability defined within 42 U.S.C. Section 12102 (ADA).
- Students must have the appropriate [NSAA Student and Parent Consent Form](#) completed and on file at the member school of which they are to participate.
- Students will follow the guidelines set forth in their individual education plans and/or local school eligibility requirements.
- Students have not qualified for the State Speech Championships in any other event.

If you have any questions, please call Taryn Retzlaff at 402-489-0386 or email tretzlaff@nsaahome.org.