

Individual Family Guidelines for 2020 Scripps-qualifying Spelling Bee

for Greater Houston Area homeschoolers - Sponsored by Horizons Education Center

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- To participate, click on **Register** which is located on the main navigation bar of the website www.horizonseducationcenter.com. Complete the information in the “For More Information” window, enter the words Spelling Bee in the box, and click on Submit Form.
- Register early for more practice time! **Deadline to register is November 15, 2019.**
- Receive a confirmation email along with spelling study lists and Rules for Local Spelling Bees. Read and follow Rules for Local Spelling Bees.
- On the evening of December 5, receive an email containing a 25 word spelling test that you, as the homeschool teacher, will administer. Some words on the test may not be taken from the study materials. **If you do not receive the spelling test, check your spam/junk folder first and then contact me (phone, text, email) no later than 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 2019.**
- On the morning of December 6, administer the spelling test. Your participating child(ren) must write each spelling word independently with no prompting or assistance of any kind other than the scripted rules for local spelling bees. Every participant may submit a test to Horizons Education Center (Marsha Rohe). It is not necessary to select a “winner” from your homeschool.
 - **SUBMITTING THE SPELLING TEST:** Child’s full name, date of birth, and parent’s email address must be clearly written **on the face of the test paper**. Test administrator (parent or guardian) must also sign the paper. Spelling tests must be conveyed to me no later than 11:30 a.m. Friday, December 6, 2019. You may 1) scan and email the test(s) or 2) email a phone picture(s) of the test(s) to horizonseducationcenter@hotmail.com. Illegible submissions will not be accepted. **Submissions will not be accepted after 11:30 a.m. Friday, December 6, 2019.**
- For each valid spelling test (full name included, date of birth, parent/guardian signature, parent’s email address, and timely submission) received, student will receive a certificate either by email or regular mail for participation in the Scripps-qualifying National Spelling Bee.
- If needed, an additional written test round (or rounds) may be scheduled to narrow the competition.
- The top tier of spellers will receive an invitation to the regional homeschool spelling bee which will be held at Horizons Education Center on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Upon acceptance of the invitation, student will receive additional study materials for the regional level competition.
- The winner of the regional oral spelling bee at Horizons Education Center will advance to the televised Houston Public Media (HPM) Spelling Bee and will represent all homeschoolers in the Greater Houston Area. **Two winners** from the HPM spelling bee (which includes all public and private schools in a Texas Gulf Coast multi-county area) will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee near Washington, D.C.