

University Interscholastic League State Speech Honor Crew

The State Speech Honor Crew is designed for exemplary and outstanding speech students who are not already involved in the State Meet. Our motivation is extension teaching as well as recognition. **It is required that students be nominated by their UIL speech coach.** Nominations should be based on academic and competitive excellence in your speech and debate program. Since maturity is vital to the role these students play in the State Meet, it is recommended that students be upperclassmen.

Students nominated must be academically capable and eligible. A maximum of 35 honor crew members will be selected. Every effort will be made to select members from all regions and all conferences. **It will be necessary for those selected to be in Austin from late afternoon Sunday, May 24, through Tuesday afternoon, May 26** since they are needed to complete not only the preliminary rounds of speech/debate, but the final rounds as well. **Students who cannot fully participate should not be recommended.** If Honor Crew members are able to remain for the Speech Awards Assembly scheduled for 3:00 p.m., we have traditionally opened our ceremony with recognition of these Honor Crew members. Attendance for this, however, is not mandatory. The **school** must see that housing and transportation are provided.

Students selected as Speech Honor Crew members will be involved in a learning experience otherwise available only to State Meet participants. They will be prepared for their responsibilities by the State Speech and Debate Director and Contest Staff.

A mandatory hour-long orientation and training session for honor crew members will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24 in the University Teaching Center, Room 1.104 on the University of Texas campus.

Early applications are advisable. Final selection will be made and notification sent by FAX, e-mail, or telephone as far in advance of State Meet as possible. Honor Crew students will be sent an information packet from the League via their recommending teacher prior to State Meet.

Students withdrawing from the Honor Crew without just cause will render students from their school ineligible for nomination for a period of one year. It is essential that administrators, teachers, parents and students be committed prior to nomination.

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