



Women's Federation for  
World Peace Australia

# WFWP SPEECH CONTEST 2018

## Theme: Empowering the Female Voice

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Narre Warren Girl Guides, 5 Malcolm Court, Narre Warren VIC 3805



After more than two decades of continuous dedication to the education of young adults (an effort recognised by the United Nations, through the honour of General Consultative Status of ECOSOC and DPI Associates' position) the Women's Federation for World Peace Australia is launching a WFWP Speech Contest.

WFWP Australia would like to expand the horizon of their educational activities by giving young women in Australia an opportunity to speak in public about their belief and life values etc., under the banner of: "Empowering the Female Voice".

This competition is open to women between the ages of 18 to 35.

### Finalists will be asked to:

- demonstrate a high level of eloquence
- articulate content that is relevant to the theme
- persevere with a dedicated attitude from the initial application to the finale on stage before an audience.

We believe this process can become an educational and rewarding experience for those who are determined to challenge themselves and carry on with a conviction to express their beliefs in public.

### Prizes:

- First - \$300 cheque, WFWP pen and framed certificate, plus a chance to showcase your speech at a WFWP Conference.
- Second - \$150 cheque, WFWP pen and framed certificate
- Third - \$75 cheque, WFWP pen and framed certificate

The first place winner will be invited to subsequent WFWP public meetings and events throughout the next year and on a few occasions, such as at the UN International Day of Peace conference; she will be offered a workshop slot. (This is not an obligation).

## Guidelines

### Schedule:

Application and speech submission deadline:	Monday, November 5 <sup>th</sup> 2018
Telephone interview with shortlisted applicants:	Within the week of November 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> 2018
Notification to finalists:	Monday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> 2018
Speech Contest:	<b>Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2018, 1:00 – 4:00 pm</b> <b>Girl Guides Hall, 5 Malcolm Court, Narre Warren VIC 3805</b> 1:00 – 1:30pm: Registration 1:30 – 1:40pm: Opening (WFWP introduction, judges, rules) 1:40 – 3:10pm: Introduction of speakers and presentations 3:10 – 3:40pm: Afternoon tea for judges to collaborate 3:40 – 4:00pm: Award presentations and judges comments 4:00pm: Closing remarks

### Speech Submission:

Necessary qualifications: Female, between the ages of 18-35.

- Method of application:
1. Submit your own written composition via email to [contact@wfwpaustralia.org](mailto:contact@wfwpaustralia.org)  
Theme: Empowering the Female Voice  
Format: Word or pdf document. If your composition is *handwritten*, please scan it and email it either as jpeg or pdf.
  2. At the end of your composition include:
    - Your full name
    - Date of birth
    - Phone number
    - Email address
    - Home address
    - Emergency contact (name, telephone, email address)
  3. You may put your own sub-title in the speech
  4. Write in English only
  5. Use A4 size, portrait orientation, with aprx.1500 words (8 - 10 minutes' length)
  6. The place winner will speak based on this composition. The speech CANNOT be read out, but notes may be looked at.
  7. After the telephone interview, the content should NOT be changed.

### Telephone Interview:

Shortlisted applicants will undergo a telephone interview, within the week of November 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. This will result in the selection of 7 finalists, which will participate in the final Speech Contest\* on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Finalists will be notified by Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Evaluation of the interview is on clarity of communication, with discussion around your topic and its relevance to the theme of this year's speech contest.

\*Not only finalists, but everyone who applied to this competition, together with their friends and families are welcome to attend the final speech contest.

### Judges:

WFWP will select finalists through two stages of elimination: the submitted emailed speech, and the telephone interview. During the Speech Contest, the judges will evaluate 7 finalists according to the evaluation guidelines below. The speech composition of finalists will not be given to the judges.

Judges will evaluate the speeches according to the following criteria. All finalists will receive a percentage score.

### **Evaluation Guidelines (100% in total)**

Speaking Skills:  30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fluency</li><li>• Naturalness of delivery</li><li>• Grammatical correctness</li><li>• Vocabulary</li></ul>
Content:  40%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarity of argument</li><li>• Structure and flow of discourse</li><li>• Originality</li><li>• Relevance to the contest theme</li></ul>
Presentation Skills:  30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delivery, stage presence</li><li>• Connection with audience</li><li>• Time management</li></ul>

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