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Hamlin County Schools

Entrants Sought for 2021 Resource Conservation Speech Contest!!

Each year the SD Department of Ag., Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry coordinates a speech contest to give local students the opportunity to win \$2300 in scholarships to a college of their choice. These scholarships are awarded by East River Electric Power Cooperative, Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, and SD Rural Electric Association. The State Champion prize of \$1,100, the Second Place winner receives \$750 and the Third Place winner \$450. The local contest is organized by the **Hamlin County Conservation District**. The first place speech then goes on to the area contest, in Aberdeen. The topic of the speech this year is, **“What Have You Done for Conservation Lately?”**

Who is eligible? Any student attending high school, (public, private, or home-school) grades 9-12, in South Dakota.

What can I do? As stated above, first place could win up to \$1,100!!

When is this due? All entries in Hamlin County must have contacted the Conservation District office (783-3642) by March 17th for a speech date. All speeches in Hamlin County must be given to the Conservation District Board before March 27, 2021.

Please be sure to read the Contest Rules from the handout.

Also, copy and paste this link to see and hear the winning speeches from the 2019 contestants. Viewing these is helpful in creating your speech:

<https://sdda.sd.gov/conservation-forestry/educational-programs/resource-conservation-speech-contest/Images/ContestWinners.aspx>

Please call with any questions to 605-783-3642 x4 or 605-881-5899. This is a great opportunity!

Thank you,

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