



# Join us in celebrating the 11th Annual BCYF Spelling Bee

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is excited to once again bring to your students and school the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee through the **11th Annual BCYF Spelling Bee.**



In addition to promoting literacy skills by improving students' spelling and broadening their vocabulary, Spelling Bee participation provides a valuable experience in developing the necessary skills for success in public-speaking, language comprehension, improved study techniques, and new concepts mastery.



The benefits go beyond the academic for students by providing them with a positive goal to work toward throughout the year. Participation in the Spelling Bee gives students the chance for healthy competition in a non-athletic setting and provides an opportunity to develop self-confidence, responsibility and autonomy, and fosters a sense of pride in representing one's school community.



## How do I get my school involved? **IT'S E-A-S-Y**

- Register your Boston Public, charter, parochial, or private school with Scripps National Spelling Bee online by October 16, 2017 with [www.spellingbee.com/enrollment](http://www.spellingbee.com/enrollment). This will also serve as your registration for BCYF.
- Pay the enrollment fee of \$151 to Scripps National Spelling Bee.
- Hold a school spelling bee on or before Wednesday, February 28, 2018.
- Submit winner's name and bio form to BCYF by 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.
- Cheer on your school's representative speller at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual BCYF Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 17, 2018!



# BCYF Spelling Bee FAQs



- **What grades are able to participate in the Spelling Bee?**  
4th-8th graders
- **How is the \$151 participation fee used?** This fee goes directly to the Scripps National Spelling Bee to sustain the Bee. Fees are used for staff support, printing and mailing costs, and to implement the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. BCYF does not collect these fees and relies on our sponsorships for the BCYF Spelling Bee.
- **Is there a separate registration for Scripps National Spelling Bee and BCYF?** No, enrolling your school at [www.spellingbee.com/enrollment](http://www.spellingbee.com/enrollment) will register your school completely.
- **Can I send more than one student to the BCYF Spelling Bee in March 2018?** Each school is only able to send (1) student.
- **How will I know what words to use at my school's spelling bee?** Scripps National Spelling Bee will mail your school's spelling bee representative a list of words prior to your school's bee.
- **Who do I contact with questions?**  
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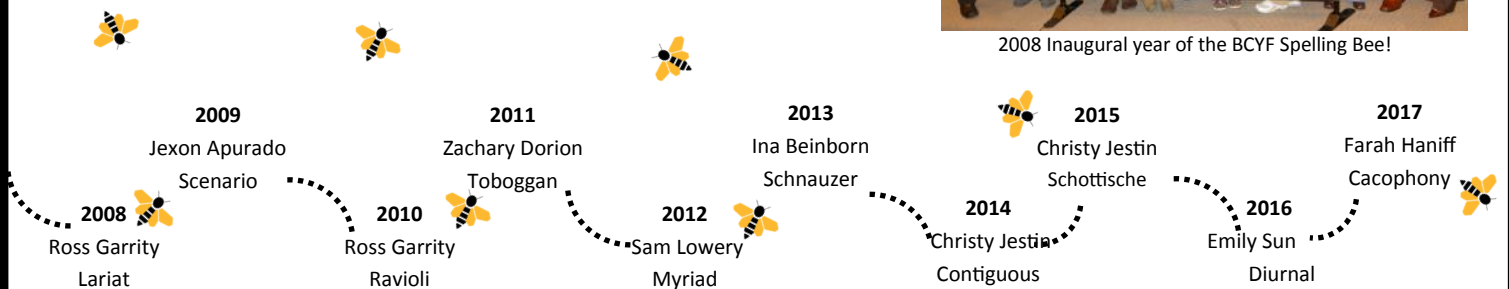


## History

In 2008, BCYF started a new tradition for Boston by hosting the first citywide BCYF Spelling Bee. Over the following years, BCYF, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, has continued the tradition of the BCYF Spelling Bee. Each year, family members, friends, and teachers proudly cheer on the spellers at the citywide Bee.

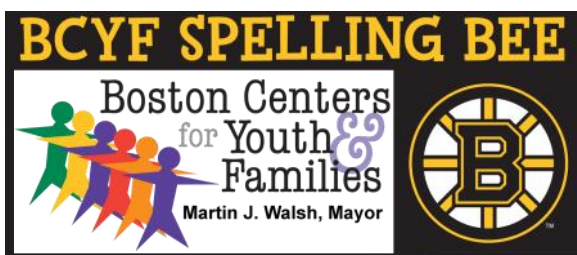


2008 Inaugural year of the BCYF Spelling Bee!



## About Boston Centers For Youth & Families

The mission of Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is to enhance the quality of life for Boston residents by partnering with community center councils, agencies, and businesses to support children, youth, individuals, and families through a wide range of comprehensive programs and services according to neighborhood need.



To register for the Scripps National Spelling Bee, please visit: [spellingbee.com/enrollment](http://spellingbee.com/enrollment)

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