



CITY OF BOSTON

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August 27, 2019

Dear Spelling Bee Coordinator,

Boston Centers for Youth & Families is proud to once again give your students the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee program.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual BCYF Spelling Bee will take place Saturday, March 21, 2019. The champion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual BCYF Spelling Bee will represent the City of Boston in the 2020 Scripps National Spelling Bee near Washington, D.C. Prizes will also be awarded to our other top spellers!

The Bee helps students improve their spelling, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. In addition to the academic benefits, students also develop important life skills that will help them as they advance in school and eventually to successful careers.

Enrollment is required for your students to participate in the BCYF spelling bee program, and you'll get the best price if you enroll **by October 15, 2019**.

When you enroll at [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com) and pay the enrollment fee of \$165, you will receive exclusive online access to:

- Word lists and study lists for varying difficulty levels (*School Spelling Bee Study List*),
- Study materials for your school spelling bee champion (*Words of the Champions*, a new study resource featuring 4,000 words to prepare students for regional spelling bees and for success in life),
- The *2020 Classroom Pronouncer Guide* for administering classroom spelling bees,
- The *2020 School Pronouncer Guide* for administering a school spelling bee,
- Award certificates for participants and your school champion, and
- Key information about the Boston Centers for Youth & Families spelling bee program.

From Encyclopædia Britannica, you'll also receive a one-year subscription to Britannica Online for Kids that you may award to a student at your school (a \$74.95 value). *Schools that enroll by September 30, 2019 will receive two one-year subscriptions.*

We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful educational enrichment opportunity for your students. If you have any questions about the 2019 BCYF Spelling Bee, please contact Joan Lanigan, Program Manager at 617-635-4920 x2155 or [joan.lanigan@boston.gov](mailto:joan.lanigan@boston.gov).

Sincerely,

William Morales, Commissioner  
Boston Centers for Youth & Families

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BCYF Holland  
BCYF Hyde Park  
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