



Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)

District Contest Date: May 4-5

Place: Watertown SD

Topic: “How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles”

Who is eligible to participate: Any student through Grade 12 with a hearing loss of 40 decibels or more.

Where do you start: **1.** Become familiar with the contest rules. They are on the OI Website under programs and scholarship contests.
2. Go to your school district and ask if they have a Hearing Impaired Program in the District. Find out the names of staff who are teaching these students. Contact the staff and introduce them to the contest. If the district does not have a program, ask where the district sends their Hearing Impaired students. (Either homeschooled or a neighboring district.) Proceed to contact homeschoolers or the nearest district that has a program.

Why the Reluctance to Participate: These students often think they cannot be in a speech contest because they cannot speak. The CCDHH contest allows students to give their speech orally or they can sign. We always have an interpreter at each contest and the judges are not hearing impaired but know sign language.

How Long is the Speech: 4-5 minutes long.

First Place Prize: The District Contest Winner will receive a \$2500 scholarship.

**Why not provide a Hearing Impaired Student from
your club an opportunity to win a \$2500.**

Questions? Contact gbisek@charter.net or 320-2531462