

BEST FOUNDATION HOSTS THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF THE 2024-2025 SEASON

On April 11, 12, and 13, 2025, The BEST Foundation will hold its annual National Speech and Debate Tournament in Sofia for students from Eastern and Western regional schools. Students will compete in five events: World Schools Style debate, poetry interpretation, prose interpretation, duo interpretation, and original oratory.

BEST is happy to welcome all of its hundreds of students, teachers and other members of the BEST community to its third tournament for the season. This weekend is sure to be one of not only great performances and fun, but also of sportsmanship and communal respect.

This year's regional tournaments continue to be sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Sofia.

BEST is proud to have maintained a strong group of judges who are an essential part of the success of our tournaments. Without their help, our students would not have this invaluable means of improving their critical thinking skills and speech delivery. Among our judges for last semester were Ms. Angela Rodel, Executive Director at the Fulbright Commission; Dimiter Kenarov, Bulgarian Journalist, and many other professionals and BEST alumni.

Alis Docheva, a BEST alumni and judge, said about her experiences judging: "BEST is one big family no matter from which part of the country you are. Having previously participated in the competition myself, I know firsthand how inspiring and challenging it can be. Now, I have the opportunity to support young talent, help my team achieve new goals, and motivate others while being motivated myself. It's incredible to see creativity in action and assist participants in developing their skills. BEST is all about growth, teamwork, and striving for new achievements together, and I can't wait to experience it again!

About The BEST Foundation

BEST stands for Bulgarian English Speech and Debate Tournaments. Established in 2013, BEST provides the English-language learners of Bulgaria an opportunity to come together and pursue personal growth through English language speech and debate. BEST aims to empower students to think critically, express themselves creatively, and create a dynamic community that truly cares about the success and the future of Bulgaria. BEST is proud to provide a platform for English-language speech and debate for students across the country. You can learn more about the BEST foundation at bestfoundation.bg