

September 18, 2023



Dear Educator,

Registration is now open for the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual WFCU Credit Union Scripps Regional Spelling Bee!**

Your students will have the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Maryland, USA. Students will compete at the school level, with the school champion advancing to the WFCU Credit Union Regional Spelling Bee. The Regional Champion and one chaperone will travel to compete on the world stage at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May 2024 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland! Travel expenses for our regional champion and one chaperone to the Scripps National Spelling Bee will be paid for by WFCU Credit Union. Prizes for our area's top spellers include scholarships and trophies, with all participants receiving participation medals. There is no financial cost to teachers to participate in the Bee Competitions!

No matter how your school chooses to determine a spelling bee champion, all champions from enrolled schools will move forward in the WFCU Credit Union Regional Spelling Bee. Our Regional Spelling Bee is scheduled for **Sunday, March 24, 2024**, at the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. The winner of the WFCU Scripps Regional Spelling Bee will represent our region at the 2024 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Maryland and will be awarded various prizes!

WFCU Credit Union will once again cover the cost of the enrollment fee of \$175 USD per school until enrollment ends on December 18, 2023. Visit [www.wfcu.ca](http://www.wfcu.ca) for more information!

When you enroll by emailing [communityinvestment@wfcu.ca](mailto:communityinvestment@wfcu.ca), you will receive exclusive online access to:

- Study lists for grades 1-8,
- The *2024 Classroom Pronouncer Guide* for administering classroom spelling bees,
- The *2024 School Pronouncer Guide* for administering a school spelling bee,
- Access to the Bee's new online testing platform,
- *Words of the Champions*, the 4,000-word study resource for your school spelling bee champion,
- The *Great Words, Great Works* reading list with all source books for the *School Spelling Bee Study List*, organized by grade level,
- Supplemental vocabulary materials for classroom and school levels,
- Award certificates for participants and your school champion!

The Bee helps students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, 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 – such as goal setting, time management, and public speaking – that will help them as they advance in school and eventually to successful careers.

Sincerely,

Beth Ann Prince  
Manager, Member Engagement & Community Investment

