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The Scripps National Spelling Bee (formerly the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee and commonly called the National Spelling Bee) is an annual spelling bee held in the United States. The bee is run on a not-for-profit basis by The E. W. Scripps Company and is held at a hotel or convention center in Washington, D.C. during the week following Memorial Day weekend. What: Scripps National Spelling Bee (92nd year) Who: Spellers compete from all 50 U.S. states, several territories and other countries including the Bahamas, Canada, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan and South Korea. ** Notice – 3/14/19 about State Spelling Bee Event on 3/18/19 ** We are aware of the inclement weather throughout the State. Regardless of weather conditions, the State Spelling Bee will take place as scheduled on Monday 3/18/19 (there will be no cancellation or make-up date). The first national spelling bee was organized by the Louisville Courier-Journal in 1925, and the Bee has been held continuously since, except during the World War II years of 1943, 1944 and 1945. In 2017, the Bee celebrated its 90th year and did many exciting things throughout Bee Week to commemorate this significant anniversary.