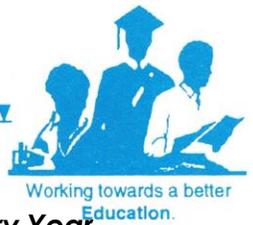




Black Educators Association



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2025's Regional Educators Program (REP) Provincial Spelling BEE – 19th Anniversary Year



Competition Day: Saturday, May 10, 2025 @ 1:00pm

Venue: Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU), 166 Bedford Highway, Halifax, NS, Canada

On Saturday, May 10, the *Black Educators Association (BEA)* will hold its nineteenth annual *Regional Educators Program (REP) Provincial Spelling BEE* with up-to-100 spellers pre-registered for the competition. 2025 marks the 19th Anniversary of the *Program* and the *Black Educators Association* acknowledges its partner - the *Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD)* along with donations from businesses, organizations and corporations across Nova Scotia. Interim President Hudson will be on hand to present the trophies to this year's winners. Admission to the competition is free and open to staff of *EECD*, members of the *Black Educators Association*, parents and families across Nova Scotia and the public. *BEA's* challenging academic competition is held in May during the same time as the US-based *Scripps National Spelling Bee* and is open for registration to Black students aged eight to 15 years across the province and *any* student enrolled in a *CAEP - Cultural Academic Enrichment Program* (an after-school program) operated by the *Black Educators Association*. First, second and third-place winners will take home *BEA Education Awards* of \$1,000, \$800 and \$500 respectively; each winner will also receive a *Samsung Galaxy* tablet and assorted gift cards and prizes from local businesses. The purpose of the *Regional Educators Program Provincial Spelling BEE* is to focus on English language basics; foster learning of African Nova Scotian students studying the English language; and introduce and encourage students to compete in regional, national and international finals.

- 2007 – Year 1 – Championship Word – **Truculent** – John Beaton – New Glasgow
- 2008 – Year 2 – Championship Word – **Knish** – John Beaton – New Glasgow
- 2009 – Year 3 – Championship Word – **Dyslexia** – John Beaton – New Glasgow
- 2010 – Year 4 – Championship Word – **Concede** – Jack Andrew – Waverley
- 2011 – Year 5 – Championship Word - **Salmonella** – Ashley Beaton – New Glasgow
- 2012 – Year 6 – Championship Word – **Salmonella** – Oluwatomisin 'Tomi' Akinkunmi, Halifax
- 2013 – Year 7 – Championship Word – **Narcoleptic** – Isabelle Chase, Truro
- 2014 – Year 8 – Championship Word – **Magnificently** – Isabelle Chase, Truro
- 2015 – Year 9 – Championship Word – **Hypothesize** – Ashton MacRae, Antigonish
- 2016 – Year 10 – Championship Word – **Hypochondria** – Sebastian Barrington, Bible Hill
- 2017 – Year 11 – Championship Word – **Adorned** – Tobi Oshikoya, Truro
- 2018 – Year 12 – Championship Word – **Brilliant** – Kaleb Williams, Antigonish
- 2019 – Year 13 – Championship Word – **Affectation** – Kiara Hiltz, Bridgewater
- 2020 – Year 14 – *Competition Cancellation Due to Covid-19 Pandemic*
- 2021 – Year 15 – Championship Word – **Loquacious** – Mya Gloade, Truro
- 2022 – Year 16 – Championship Word – **Chauffeur** – Dasia Abbey, Truro
- 2023 – Year 17 – Championship Word – **Masquerade** – Dasia Abbey, Truro
- 2024 – Year 18 – Championship Word – **Apprentice** – Daniel Ajuwon, Sydney
- 2025 – Year 19 – *What will "BEE" the Winning Word?***

A community-based province-wide activity (open to African Nova Scotian students and any student enrolled in a CAEP) outside regular school curriculum sponsored by the *Black Educators Association's (BEA) Regional Educators Program (REP)* and *Cultural Academic Enrichment Programs (CAEPs)* supported by the *EECD* along with corporate donations. "Good Luck" is extended to all **2025 REP Provincial Spelling BEE competitors and their families from the Board of Directors, Membership & Staff of the *Black Educators Association!* For information: visit www.bea-ns.ca . Contact: Jacqueline S. Herriott, *Director of PROGRAMs* and **2025 REP Provincial Spelling BEE Chairperson** @ beacsi@eastlink.ca.**