

6th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **6th National Spelling Bee** was held at the National Museum in Washington, D.C. on May 27, 1930.^[3] Scripps-Howard would not sponsor the Bee until 1941.

The winner was 14-year-old Helen Jensen of Council Bluffs, Iowa, correctly spelling the word *albumen*.^[4] Ruth Des Jardins of Michigan came in second, who stumbled on "asceticism", followed by Mildred Froning of Indiana, who went out on "conflagration".^{[5][6]}

The final hour of the contest was broadcast on radio, starting at 3pm Eastern standard time, by the National Broadcasting Company.^[7]

There were 24 contestants this year.^[8] First place received \$1000, followed by \$500 for second place, and \$250 for third.^[5]

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- Note: Sources at time vary on her age from 12 to 14, but public records appear to verify a February 1916 birthdate
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Date	May 27, 1930
Location	National Museum in Washington, D.C.
Winner	Helen Jensen
Age	14
Residence	Council Bluffs, Iowa
Sponsor	<i>The Des Moines Register and Tribune</i>
Sponsor location	Des Moines, Iowa
Winning word	albumen
No. of contestants	24 ^[1]
Pronouncer	Charles E. Hill and Stephen Kramer ^[2]
Preceded by	5th Scripps National Spelling Bee
Followed by	7th Scripps National Spelling Bee

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