

# 13th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **13th National Spelling Bee** was held in Washington, D.C. at the National Museum on May 25, 1937, and sponsored by the Louisville, Kentucky *Courier-Journal*. Scripps-Howard would not sponsor the Bee until 1941.

Sixteen spellers participated in the competition, held in the auditorium of the National Museum.<sup>[1]</sup> The winner was 14-year-old Waneeta Beckley of Kentucky, correctly spelling the word *promiscuous*. Second place went to Betty Grunstra, age 12 of New Jersey, who misspelled *plebeian*.<sup>[2]</sup> Third place went to 14-year-old Angelo Mangieri from Jersey City, New Jersey, the first blind person to reach the finals.<sup>[3]</sup>

Beckley won \$500, Grunstra took home \$300, and Mangieri received \$100.<sup>[1][4]</sup>

## See also

- List of Scripps National Spelling Bee champions

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<b>Date</b>	May 25, 1937
<b>Location</b>	National Museum in Washington, D.C.
<b>Winner</b>	Waneeta Beckley
<b>Age</b>	14
<b>Residence</b>	Kentucky
<b>Sponsor</b>	<i>The Courier-Journal</i>
<b>Sponsor location</b>	Louisville, Kentucky
<b>Winning word</b>	promiscuous
<b>No. of contestants</b>	16
<b>Preceded by</b>	12th Scripps National Spelling Bee
<b>Followed by</b>	14th Scripps National Spelling Bee

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