

14th Scripps National Spelling Bee

The **14th National Spelling Bee** was held at the National Museum in Washington, D.C. on May 31, 1938.^[2] Scripps-Howard would not sponsor the Bee until 1941.

The winner was 12-year-old Marian Richardson, who attended a one-room schoolhouse in Floyd County, Indiana, correctly spelling the word *sanitarium*. Jean Pierce of Kenmore, New York placed second after failing to correctly spell *pronunciation*.^{[3][4]}

Winner Marian Richardson, later Byrnes, became an environmental activist in Chicago, and died on May 20, 2010.^[5]

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Date	May 31, 1938
Location	National Museum in Washington, D.C.
Winner	Marian Richardson
Age	12
Residence	Floyd County, Indiana
Sponsor	<i>The Louisville Times</i>
Sponsor location	Louisville, Kentucky
Winning word	sanitarium
No. of contestants	22
Pronouncer	Harold F. Harding and George F. Hussey ^[1]
Preceded by	13th Scripps National Spelling Bee
Followed by	15th Scripps National Spelling Bee

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