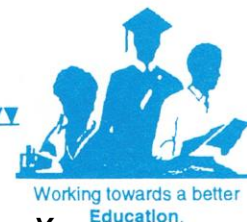




# Black Educators Association



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**2025's Regional Educators Program (REP) Provincial Spelling BEE – 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bea-ns.ca) . Contact: Jacqueline S. Herriott, *Director of PROGRAMs* and **2025 REP Provincial Spelling BEE Chairperson** @ [beacsi@eastlink.ca](mailto:beacsi@eastlink.ca).**