

Southeastern Regional
Youth for Christ Conference

Speech Competition

This speech competition is designed to provide a vehicle for young people to learn and master the art of public speaking. The competition is divided into four age groups, which are provided with their own topic. The competition is open to all participants between the ages of 6 through 18.

General Instructions:

1. Each congregation may only enter **three** speakers per age group.
2. Contestants may use a full manuscript, notes or index cards. They do not have to memorize their speech.
3. It is the responsibility of each congregational leader to have reviewed the speeches presented by their youth.
4. The order of the speakers will be determined by drawing numbers.
5. Contestants must arrive prior to the competition, report to the judges, and sit in the front row.
6. All speakers must state their name and congregation within their speech.
7. Speakers must wear Sunday worship attire: shirt and tie for young men and young ladies must wear a dress or pant suit.
8. Contestants will be required to use at least one scripture pertaining to their speech.
9. There will **NOT** be a podium or other object allowed between the speaker and the audience.
10. Once the competition has started, **NO ONE** will be allowed to enter or exit the room until the last speech is given unless the speaker is participating in another competition taking place at the same time.
11. Contestants will have one opportunity to deliver their speech. Time will begin when the speaker begins and will not be reset. Speakers are welcome to restart, but time will not.
12. Trophies will be awarded to the top three speakers in each age group.

Age	Time Limits	Topic (inspired by the theme) <i>"Up Into The Mountains" (Matthew 5:1)</i>
6-8	1-3 minutes	<i>What Can I Do as I Stand for Christ In My Faith?</i>
9-11	2-3 minutes	<i>What Can I Do to let my light shine in the world?</i>
12-14	2-3 minutes	<i>What Can I Do to Show my School and the Community that I am a light for Jesus?</i>
15-18	3-4 minutes	<i>What Can I Do to do to be Salt for Christ in this crooked and perverse generation?</i>

Each contestant will be scored as follows:

Delivery	(a) Emphasis, voice control	(b) Enunciation, pronunciation	40 points Maximum
	(c) Sincerity, enthusiasm, poise	(d) Eye contact, gestures	
Effectiveness	(a) Cohesive, logical, organized	(b) Have emotional impact	20 points Maximum
Text/Content	(a) Originality	(b) Quality of material, research	40 points Maximum
	(c) Adherence to the subject	(d) Use of scriptures	

- Up to 5 points will be deducted for a time infraction (judge's discretion).
- Up to 5 points will be deducted for improper attire (judge's discretion).

Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the top three speakers in each group.

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