

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 objects 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] "Not My Call: Help From Above"
6-8	1-3 minutes	<i>What are some ways, God can help me, as a young Christian to let my light shine?</i>
9-11	2-3 minutes	<i>What can I do as a young person, to show the world, that God will help his children?</i>
12-14	2-3 minutes	<i>When I am discouraged, as a young person, what can I do to help myself remember that God will always have my back?</i>
15-18	3-4 minutes	<i>When I am challenged, as a young Christian, what can I do to show my friends that God will never let me down?</i>

Each contestant will be scored as follows:

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

- 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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