

CHRISTIAN ESSAY

PURPOSE:

To improve written communication skills in conveying biblical ideas. Written communication has always been an important means of teaching and admonishing Christians. From the time that inspired authors gave instruction until the journals and publications of today, ideas skillfully and clearly presented have made lasting impressions on the hearts and minds of those who wish to put God's will into practice. The event must challenge participants to use the written word to communicate God's Word. Their writing content, style, and message should reflect a respect for the importance and value of communicating God's Word in written form.

PROCESS:

Each participant will:

- Write an article with the content addressing the current year's LTC theme
- Mail two copies of the essay to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline.

The Church coordinator or coach will:

- Mail a self-addressed postcard to the Event Coordinator if confirmation of receipt of the event entries is desired. Please submit one postcard per event per congregation.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Confirm receipt of event entries to the church coordinator if a self-addressed postcard is included with the congregation entries
- Organize the essays for judging
- Provide a critique sheet on the essay
- Report results to the Awards Committee

RULES:

1. The essay length will be three to five pages. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a five-point deduction from the judge's score.
2. The essay should be type written, double spaced with 1" margins. For participants sixth grade or younger, handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented.
3. The essay will start with the title of the essay, followed by the text.
4. Copies of an oratory speech will not be accepted as an essay. Enforcement of this rule is upon the honor of each individual church coordinator.
5. A cover sheet will be on the front of each entry. The format of this cover sheet is explained under "Submission of Essays" on the next page.
6. There are 3 grade levels in this event: 3-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

SUBMISSION OF ESSAYS:

Typed cover sheet will follow this format:

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| Format: | Example: |
| Name | A. Christian |
| Grade | 9th Grade |
| Congregation | Anywhere Church of Christ |
| Congregation City, State | Any City, State |
| Title of Composition | "(your title)" |
| Category | Essay |

AWARDS:

There are three ratings available in each grade level - Gold, Silver and Bronze.

