

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

The Church Coordinator or coach will:

- Complete all General Event Rules (p 19) and Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

The Event Coordinator will:

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The Judge will:

- Complete all Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

RULES:

7. 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.
8. The essay shall be type written, double spaced with 1" margins. For participants sixth grade or younger, handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented.
9. The essay shall start with the title of the essay, followed by the text.
10. Copies of an oratory speech shall not be accepted as an essay. Enforcement of this rule is upon the honor of each individual church coordinator.
11. A cover sheet shall be on the front of each entry.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRY:

Typed cover sheet shall follow this format:

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

Christian Essay 2010 Heart of America Leadership Training for Christ “The Rock” 2 Samuel		Event Coordinator's award:			
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	
	Gold	Silver	Bronze		
Use of LTC Theme	<input type="checkbox"/> Expresses a strong connection to the LTC theme. <input type="checkbox"/> Theme is mentioned.	<input type="checkbox"/> Connects somewhat with the LTC theme. <input type="checkbox"/> Theme mentioned.	<input type="checkbox"/> Story is vague and does not support theme well. <input type="checkbox"/> Theme is not mentioned.		
Use of English Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Grammar used properly. <input type="checkbox"/> Usage of grammar contributes to clarity.	<input type="checkbox"/> Grammar errors evident. <input type="checkbox"/> Usage errors evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Many grammar errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Many usage errors.		
Mood of Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Proper use of humor. <input type="checkbox"/> Proper use of personal stories. <input type="checkbox"/> Proper use of illustrations. <input type="checkbox"/> The writer's thoughts and expressions are evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of humor has neutral effect. <input type="checkbox"/> Use of personal stories has neutral effect. <input type="checkbox"/> Use of illustrations has neutral effect. <input type="checkbox"/> Writer's thoughts and expressions have neutral effect.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of humor not appropriate. <input type="checkbox"/> Use of personal stories not appropriate. <input type="checkbox"/> Use of illustrations not appropriate. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not seem to be from the writer's thoughts or expressions.		
Format and Submission	<input type="checkbox"/> Proper format for submission per manual.	<input type="checkbox"/> Submission mostly proper per manual.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lacks proper submission requirements per manual.		
Judge's comments:					
Please help us improve this rubric each year by submitting Feedback on the website within 30 days of the end of the convention.		Judge's award: <i>(Circle One)</i>	Gold	Silver	Bronze