

SOUTH GEORGIA COG

2017

teen **TALENT**

AGES 13-19

COG CAMPGROUND

APRIL 28-29

DIVISIONS: BIBLE, CREATIVE WRITING,
DRAMA, MUSIC, & MULTI-MEDIA

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South Georgia Church of God Teen Talent 2017 Competition Handbook

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Teen Talent 2017

Competition Handbook

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Teen Talent 2017 program will include competition in six divisions: Art, Bible, Creative Writing, Drama, Multi-Media, and Music.

It is the responsibility of each participant to be aware of, and comply with, the competition requirements and guidelines. Each church must purchase and study the Teen Talent Competition 2017 Manual for their respective division. This manual, along with the Teen Talent Bible Quizzing Manual 2017, can be downloaded at

<http://www.cogyouthstore.org/product-category/teen-talent/2017/>.

The cost is \$15.00 for the Competition Manual and \$10.00 for the Bible Quizzing Manual.

A. STATE COMPETITION

1. Competition for all Art, Bible, Drama, Music, Writing, and Multi-Media Divisions will be conducted on the State Level.
2. State competition will be conducted at the Church of God Campground – Tifton, Georgia, on Friday & Saturday, April 28-29, 2017. Registration will begin at 5:00 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM on Saturday. The competition will begin promptly at 6:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 AM on Saturday.

B. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

1. The 2017 International Teen Talent competition will be held at Lee University, Cleveland, TN.
2. International competition will be held July 31 – August 4, 2017. All 2017 State Teen Talent winners and runner-ups in all divisions will be eligible to compete in the 2017 International Teen Talent Finals.

II. ENTRY DEADLINES AND ENTRY FEES

A. ENTRY DEADLINES

1. All entry forms must be postmarked by April 4, 2017.
2. Compositions in the Writing Division must also be postmarked by April 4, 2017, along with the participants Teen Talent 2017 Entry Form and “Statement of Verification of Originality” form.

3. Summary of Entry Deadlines and Competition Dates

All Entry Forms (postmarked by) April 4, 2017

Writing Composition (postmarked by) April 4, 2017

State Competition (all divisions) April 28-29, 2017

B. ENTRY FEES

1. Due to the cost of awards, adjudicators, printing, travel, etc., it is necessary to charge an entry fee for each participant and/or group.
2. The entry fee must accompany each entry form. Refer to the 2017 Teen Talent Official Entry Form for all entry fees.

III. SUMMARY OF COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Guidelines given here are abbreviated and intended to give only a brief overview of the Teen Talent program. The official *Teen Talent Competition Manual 2017* must be consulted for complete details.

This manual, along with the Teen Talent Bible Quizzing Manual 2017, are available for downloading at <http://www.cogyouthstore.org/product-category/teen-talent/2017/>.

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. All divisions will be governed by the rules established by the International Department of Youth and Discipleship, Cleveland, Tennessee, as set forth in the 2017 Teen Talent Manual and the State Competition Handbook.
2. Each participant must be a teenager (ages 13-19) to be eligible to enter the Teen Talent competition. This age ruling includes all talent participants, but it does not apply to accompanists, choir directors, or directors. All birthdays are verified on entry forms, and anyone not in compliance with the age requirements will be disqualified. Any alteration of Teen Talent rules or qualifications will result in immediate disqualification from the state competition.
3. All participants must meet the respective deadline entry dates to be eligible for competition. Unfortunately, due to the adjudicator software we are unable to accept any walk-ons.
4. All participants must be regular attendees of the Church of God and may only represent the church where the participant regularly attends.
5. Questions relative to competition requirements should be asked in advance of competition dates.

B. ART DIVISION

- 1. Each entry must be the original work and idea of the participant and must have been created since the close of the previous International Competition (August 2015). Assistance may be received only in the form of advice or instruction. Reproductions of existing art will not be accepted. No crafts, kits, models, or work from patterns are acceptable.**
- 2. A participant may submit only one entry in each art category, but may enter as many categories as he/she desires.**
- 3. Each participant will be responsible for the delivery of his/her entry to state competition and will assume full liability for any damage that might occur during competition.**
- 4. While it is *not required* that entries in the art category *be exclusively Christian in content or expression*, the art should in some way reflect or support the theme of this competition. *The theme is to foster Christian ideals of faith, family, and life.***
- 5. Refer to the official Teen Talent 2017 Manual for complete instructions and requirements.**
- 6. An official Art Project Information Sheet must be submitted to the judges prior to the presentation of the lesson.**

C. BIBLE DIVISION

- 1. A local church may enter as many participants or teams in state competition as desired.**
- 2. A team or participant is disqualified by failure to appear within ten (10) minutes of the designated time and place at any level of competition.**
- 3. The New King James Version is the official text for the Bible division.**
- 4. Refer to the official Teen Talent 2017 Manual for complete instructions and requirements.**
- 5. An official Bible Teaching Lesson Preparation Plan must be submitted to the judges prior to the competition.**

D. CREATIVE WRITING DIVISION

- 1. Each entry must be the original unpublished work of the participant; it must have a religious theme, either explicit or implied; and it must be written within the specified competition dates, September 1, 2015 – April 1, 2017.**
- 2. Each manuscript must be typewritten and double-spaced, on one side of paper that is 8 1/2" x 11".**
- 3. All creative writing entries must be mailed to the State Office and postmarked by April 4, 2017.**
- 4. Refer to the official Teen Talent Competition Manual 2017 for complete instructions and requirements.**

5. Each entry must be accompanied by a Statement of Verification of Originality to be eligible for competition.

E. DRAMA DIVISION

1. A local church may enter as many participants or groups in state competition as desired.
2. A group or individual is disqualified by failure to appear within ten minutes of the designated time and place at any level of competition.
3. Refer to the official Teen Talent 2017 Manual for complete instructions and requirements.
4. PLEASE NOTE – A new category has been added to the Drama Division. It is “Spoken Word.” See the Drama Division section in the official Teen Talent Competition Manual 2017 for details.

F. MULTI-MEDIA DIVISION

1. Each entry must be the original work and idea of the participant, and must have been created since the close of the previous International Competition. Assistance may be received only in the form of advice or instruction. Reproductions of existing projects will not be accepted.
2. A participant may submit only one entry in each category, but may enter as many categories as he/she may desire.
3. Each participant will be responsible for delivery of his/her entry and will assume full liability of any damage that might occur during competition. Participants are responsible for ensuring their projects can be appropriately viewed by adjudicators.
4. A thumb drive or DVD of the project must also be submitted to the judges at the state and international level.
5. Each participant must submit a Project Information Sheet to the judges prior to the presentation.

G. MUSIC DIVISION

1. Participation is limited to the performance of religious music only.
2. Participants in each category will perform one selection, except for choirs, which will perform two musical selections (one required and one of free choice).
3. Refer to the official Teen Talent Competition Manual 2017 for complete instructions and requirements.

IV. RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

A. STATE LEVEL COMPETITION

- 1. Trophies will be given to all first and second place winners of each category.**
- 2. State winners receive no financial awards.**

V. OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

An Official Entry Form, along with other required forms, is provided for you at the end of this handbook and in the official Teen Talent Competition Manual 2017.

Appendix

Official Teen Talent Entry Form

Drama Group Members List

Music Group Members List

SOUTH GEORGIA CHURCH OF GOD TEEN TALENT 2017

*****Please Note: NEW & REDUCED PRICES*****

PERSONAL INFORMATION (ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) – DEADLINE: APRIL 4, 2017

NAME (AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE PROGRAM) _____

GENDER _____ AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED) _____ CONTACT TELEPHONE _____

REPRESENTING CHURCH _____ PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____

GROUP LEADER _____ GROUP NAME _____

PLEASE SELECT THE APPROPRIATE BOX. IF ENTERING MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY, PLEASE USE A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH CATEGORY.

DRAMA – SOLO

\$35 per entry

- Solo Expressive/Interpretive Movement
- Solo Human Video
- Solo Mime
- Solo Monologue
- Solo Pantomime
- Solo Spoken Word

DRAMA – GROUP

\$55 per entry

- Group Expressive/Interpretive Movement
- Group Human Video
- Group Mime
- Group Pantomime
- Group Skit
- Group Synchronized Movement
- Group Spoken Word

BIBLE

Entry Fee as Noted

- Individual Bible Teaching\$35.00
Children, Grades 1-5
- Individual Bible Teaching\$35.00
Youth, Grades 6-12
- Team Bible Teaching\$55.00
Children, Grades 1-5
- Team Bible Teaching\$55.00
Youth, Grades 6-12
- Individual Bible Quizzing\$35.00
- Team Bible Quizzing\$70.00

CREATIVE WRITING

\$35 per Entry

- Short Stories
- Articles and Essays
- Plays and Skits
- Poetry
- News Writing

MUSIC – SOLO

\$35 per entry

- Vocal Solo, Male
- Vocal Solo, Female
- Instrumental Solo, Piano
- Instrumental Solo, Organ
- Instrumental Solo, Electric Keyboard(s)
- Instrumental Solo, Strings Bowed
- Instrumental Solo, Strings Plucked
- Instrumental Solo, Woodwind
- Instrumental Solo, Brass
- Instrumental Solo, Percussion Definite
- Instrumental Solo, Percussion Indefinite

MUSIC – GROUP

Entry Fee as Noted

- Small Vocal Ensemble (2-5 singers) \$55.00
- Large Vocal Ensemble (6-12 singers) \$70.00
- Instrumental Ensemble, Small (2-8 players) \$85.00
- Instrumental Ensemble, Large (9-up players) \$55.00
- Instrumental Ensemble, Handbells \$70.00
- Instrumental Ensemble, Steel Drums \$70.00
- Contemporary Christian Performance \$70.00
- Choir (13-up singers) \$85.00

MULTI-MEDIA

\$35 per Entry

- Website Design
- Multi-Media Presentation Non-Video
- Multi-Media Presentation Video
- Multi-Media Presentation Animated

ART

\$35 per Entry

- Ceramic and Glass
- Computer Graphics
- Graphics
- Drawing
- Oil/Acrylic Painting
- Wet Media Painting
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Textiles
- Mixed Media

