

General

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The purpose of the West Coast Baptist Fine Arts Competition includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. To glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
2. To help in the self-disciplining of Christian youth
3. To strengthen Christian education
4. To encourage and increase the spiritual, intellectual, and moral maturity within individual students and schools
5. To encourage our youth to develop their talents and gifts to be used for Christian service

Involvement in competition activities will, of necessity, require self-discipline and thus will help the young person to develop more fully the quality of Christian character. We desire for our students to “...*increase in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God and man*” (Luke 2:52).

ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS & SCHOOLS

Contestants

Elementary Students	Grades 4-6 (<i>Students must be 8 years or older</i>)
Junior High Students	Grades 7-8
Senior High Students	Grades 9-12

Elementary must compete with elementary only.

Students in grades 7 through 8 may compete with the senior high in the group categories of large vocal, large instrumental ensembles, choir and Bible Quizzing but must not comprise more than 25% of the group. Maximum student participation guidelines still apply.

Schools

School Eligibility: To be eligible to participate in this Fine Arts Competition, each school must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Be affiliated with an independent, fundamental Baptist church.
2. Pay the non-refundable registration fee applicable to its school size.

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

Any student participating in the following categories must be present at the start and until the end of the scheduled event.

Bible Memory
Keyboarding
Spelling Bee

MANDATORY REPORTING

Any student participating in the following categories must report, or send someone to report for him, at the beginning of the competition.

Chess
Speech

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The following categories will be receiving a schedule of the individual competition times:

Bible Quizzing
Bible Preaching
Bible Teaching
Debate
Instrumental Music
Piano Music
Vocal Music

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Entries, in their entirety (all judging forms, artist's idea statements, any CDs, etc.), for the following categories must be taken to the assigned rooms before the designated times

Thursday, 11:00 AM

Art
Crafts
Culinary Arts – Cookies
Culinary Arts – Bread
Culinary Arts - Cupcakes
Graphic Design
Photography
Science Fair

Friday, 8:00 AM

Culinary Arts – Tablescapes

TESTING & CREATIVE WRITING

Students who are entering in the following categories may compete at any time within the designated times for the Academic Testing Schedule:

Academic Testing
Bible Testing
Creative Writing

STUDENT PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Participation is limited to the following entries:

1. A student may be entered in no more than two individual entries in each of these areas: Art, Bible, Music, Speech, Crafts, Photography, Culinary Arts, and Academics.
2. A student may be entered in no more than one individual entry in the areas of Science Fair, Graphic Design, and Chess.

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

We want to demonstrate a conservative, Christian standard in appearance, activities, and conduct. The utmost respect for and adherence to the following standards is expected and required of all contestants and adult sponsors. Any contestant who fails to meet the standards of dress will be disqualified. It is the responsibility of the school to communicate and enforce the following guidelines before the students arrive. Students must adhere to the following dress standards throughout the competition whether they are competing or not.

Boys

Boys will wear neat, collared shirts (tucked in) with ties and dress (or school-type) slacks. Hair will be short, off the collar and ears, out of the eyes, tapered in the back, and combed. No beards, mustaches,

or long sideburns will be acceptable. Denim clothing or tennis shoes are not to be worn during the competition time.

Girls

All clothing must be modest. Dresses or skirts must be worn during the competition. No slacks or shorts are to be worn. Girls' skirts should be below the knee and covering the knees when sitting. Slits are to be open only below the knee. Necklines will not be immodestly low or open. Denim or tennis shoes are not to be worn during the competition time.

CONDUCT

Students participating in the West Coast Baptist Fine Arts Competition are to strive for excellence in all things, including their conduct. As representatives of Jesus Christ, their schools, and their families, students, sponsors, parents, and visitors should never display an insubordinate or disruptive spirit during any part of the competition towards anyone, including any judge(s) or competition official(s). This includes all of the competition beginning with arrival for the opening session through dismissal after the awards ceremony. Any behavior not becoming of a Christian will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification from competition and/or expulsion from the campus. The result of such behavior can be the recall of presented awards and/or exclusion from the following year's competition.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

The tournament offers competition for the following levels:

Elementary Level	Grades 4 – 6
Junior High Level	Grades 7 – 8
Senior High Level	Grades 9 – 12

COMPETITION AREAS

The tournament offers competition in the following areas: Bible, Music, Speech, Academics, Chess, Art, Crafts, Photography, Science Fair, Culinary Arts, and Graphic Design.

DIVISION OF COMPETITIONS

An area may be subdivided into divisions. Example: Bible divisions are Bible Quizzing, Bible Preaching, Bible Teaching, Bible Memory, and Bible Testing.

CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION

A division may be subdivided into categories. For example the Bible Testing division includes the categories New Testament Bible Knowledge and Old Testament Bible Knowledge.

EVENT DIRECTOR

The Event Director has the right to disqualify a student from competition if a requirement is not met. Judges will refer anything in question to the Event Director.

JUDGING

Judging Forms

Each participant is responsible for bringing three completed judging sheets and 3 completed artistic statement forms as stated for each category. Students must use the judging forms for the current competition.

Placement

Students must have a first place rating to be eligible for first place, at least a second place rating to be eligible for second place, and at least a third place rating to be eligible for third place. However, in the event that more than one student earns a first place rating, students will be awarded first, second, and third place ribbons based on their total points.

Time Limit

Students will have points taken off of their final score for going over time or under time in any category of competition in which time limits are established.

Exceptions:

1. The time limit for an academic test or Creative Writing cannot exceed one hour.
2. If a contestant is disqualified to receive a first, second, or third place award because of a rule that is not followed, the contestant may still compete if other acceptable criteria are met upon the judges' approval.

Performance Times

Individual contestants and groups must arrive to the competition room no less than five minutes prior to their scheduled performance time, unless prior arrangements have been made with the judges in the room. Failure to meet this requirement may result in disqualification. (See Mandatory Reporting on page two.)

AWARDS

The following awards will be awarded to contestants. Trophies will be presented during Highlights and all other awards will be given to school representatives at the conclusion of the competition to present to their students at their own school assembly.

1. One team trophy will be awarded to each Bible Quiz Team and each Youth Choir placing first, second, or third. Individual team members will receive a ribbon.
2. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, or third placement in Bible Preaching.
3. Medals will be awarded for first place winners in Junior or Senior High for the following categories: Academics, Speech, Bible Memory, Bible Testing, Bible Preaching, and Music.
4. Ribbons will be awarded for all other first, second, or third placements.
5. In group competitions, each member whose group places first, second, or third will receive a ribbon.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO POLICY

Videotaping and photography at the competition may only be used for personal use and may not be used for any publication without permission from the Fine Arts Competition Director. **There will be no videotaping during Bible quizzing. No flash photography will be permitted.**