

**East Tennessee District Church of the Nazarene
CHILDREN'S TALENT RULES & INFORMATION SHEET**

OBJECTIVES FOR TALENT PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to provide the Children who participate an opportunity to improve their abilities to serve the Lord. This is an opportunity to gain experience as a leader in the setting of the church.

FORMAT OF DISTRICT TALENT PROGRAM

1. Have NO LOCAL COMPETITIONS!!! It is recommended that performances be presented during a local church service to help prepare children for area competition. Children's Pastors/Children's Directors are encouraged to use discretion as they advise children to plan performances of which all can be proud.
2. All children will be rewarded with participation ribbons so that no child leaves empty handed. They will receive a ribbon for every area of participation. Trophies will be rewarded to those placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. In the cases of duets and groups, there will be one trophy awarded.
3. There should be no less than two judges per category. Judges may judge more than one category.
4. A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE of \$10.00 per child and the registration form should be sent to the District Coordinator. The information is needed to plan the schedule, fill our judge's rating sheets prior to the program, and insure there is a sufficient supply of ribbons and trophies for all children.

ALL FEES are turned into the East TN District S.S. Board to help pay the expenses of printing, postage, trophies and ribbons. It is the responsibility of each church to collect and/or pay the fee for all entrants from that church. **Please pay with one church check only.**

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED – It is too difficult to explain to children why you do not have a trophy for them and equally as difficult to send it to them after the event.

5. A child may register for TWO INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING CATEGORIES which DOES NOT include being a participant in a choir or ensemble. They may also enter TWO NON-PERFORMING CATEGORIES.
6. All entries MUST BE of a RELIGIOUS NATURE. Art, photography and crafts may reflect CREATION OR NATURE.
7. No performance may be longer than five (5) minutes by any individual group. ANY PERFORMANCE THAT EXCEEDS THIS TIME LIMIT WILL BE PENALIZED 10 POINTS!!!
8. When a background tape is used to accompany a vocal performance, the **CHILD'S VOICE MUST BE PREDOMINANT** over taped voices. No performances with lead taped voices allowed. No background vocals allowed on duets, ensembles or choirs. Any questions regarding this should be presented to the District Talent Coordinator.

9. The age groups for rating and award purposes are as follows:
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| PRESCHOOL | Children-4 yrs thru entering Kindergarten in the fall |
| KINDERGARTEN | Children who are not yet in 1 st Grade |
| PRIMARY | Children who are in 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Grades |
| JUNIOR | Children who are in 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Grades |

*Ensembles and Choirs MUST BE entered according to the age of the OLDEST group member.

10. Creative Writing entries will need to have proper identification on them. They will be judged the day of the competition.
11. Two (2) copies of MUSIC, DRAMAS, BIBLE RECITATION and MONOLOGUES must be submitted to judges prior to the performance. Instrumental Music does not have to be memorized but you will still need to give two (2) copies of music to the judges. **LYRICS** only is required for Vocals and sheet music for Instrumentals. If you cannot obtain this, please have this cleared with Talent Coordinator prior to date of performance.

12. The categories of participation are:

PERFORMING CATEGORIES

Vocal Solo
 Vocal Duet
 Vocal Ensemble (3-7 people)
 Vocal Choir (8+ people)
 Strings Solo
 Brass/Woodwinds Solo
 Percussion Solo
 Keyboard Solo
 Instrumental Ensemble (2-7 instruments)
 Dramatic Monologue
 Clown Ministry
 Bible Recitation
 Puppets
 Dramatic Group
 Hand Bells
 Stick Ministry / Interpretive Worship
 Clown ministry

NON-PERFORMING CATEGORIES

Creative Writing:

Poetry
 Prose

ART: Pencil / Pen
 Crayon
 Oil / Acrylic
 Water Color
 Chalk / Pastels
 Craft
 Photography

13. All scores will be a whole number. Any fraction of a point will be raised to the next highest point and the rating based on the higher score.
14. Children MUST BE **PRESENT** at the district talent programs to win an award. This rule APPLIES TO ALL NON-PERFORMING CATEGORIES!!!

***AND REMEMBER: ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO SHOW CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES BY BEING A GOOD EXAMPLE!!!**

Please include identification as follows on all Non-Performing Categories:

Name
 Church Name
 Age Category
 Specific Non-Performing Category

Johnny Blue
 Chattanooga First
 Primary
 Oil / Acrylic