

# TALENT SHOW RULES

(Please print and complete all information)

## Theme

# “Do You Understand the Assignment?”

The purpose of the talent show is to stimulate and promote the inner Christian ability in every youth to higher ground. Through Christian competition, each one should recognize the talent God has given them for strengthening the body of Christ and for His honor and glory.

The talent competition this year will be judged in the following categories:

**Category 1- Singing, Poetry Reading**  
**Category 2- Rapping, Drama, Comedy**

Enclosed is a registration form to be filled out by each youth. All forms must be returned by July 17th to:

**Sherita Jackson**  
**sherita7285@att.net**

Contestants **must compete** by presenting talent centered on the theme. Contestants will have 5 minutes to perform their talent. Each additional minute over five will be deducted from the contestants score.

Each contestant will be judged on the following:

- (a) how well talent is centered on the theme**
- (b) appearance (dress)**
- (c) display of talent**
- (d) poise**
- (e) overall performance.**

A point system will be used by which a contestant may receive from zero (0) to (5) points in each category. Zero being the lowest and five being the highest. A total of 25 maximum points may be obtained.

There will be no more than five (5) judges selected by the committee. Judges will declare winners by marking points on the score sheets for talent contestants. After the scores are tabulated, the winners' name will be sealed in an envelope. The winner will be announced at the programs finale. Prizes will be awarded for **first, second** and **third place**.

In the event of a tie scores taken by an OSYC Board representative will be tabulated and combined with judge's scores.

Please note if the talent you are presenting has been performed at another youth event, it is possible that it could have been seen by those chosen to judge the talent show. This could result in a lower score.

Please strive to display talents not previously performed at other youth events.

If you are wanting to perform as an exhibition act please fill out the talent show participation form listing your name or group name and the exhibition piece to be performed.

All forms must for talent show participants and Exhibition participants must submitted via email or postmarked by the due date in order to participate.

If contestants are performing as an **individual act**, then he/she should strive to have as much of an individual performance as possible. ***No one else*** may perform or have an active part in an individuals performance. If contestants are performing as a **group**, then the whole group will be judged.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Participants will not be allowed to change or add to thier talent once the Talent Registration Form has been received by the Talent Show Committee by the postmarked date July 17th.**

Ages of participation are 12-18. **All youth must adhere to the dress code.** Dress attire should not be extreme, lewd or offensive. Judges will be notified that costumes or special dress are a part of the performance.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: We are asking the youth directors, chaperons and/or congregational leadership to screen the attire of all youth who will be participating from your congregation. The Talent Committee will screen participants prior to the competition and if their attire does not meet the approval of the committee, they will not be allowed to participate. The decision is final. Please make sure all participants understand the requirements to compete.**

Voice recording on a tape or CD may be used in and must be clearly understood. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you are using audio a recording (i.e. background vocals) in your performance please make sure that the recording is clear and can be understood. If the recording is not clear you will not be able to use it.

**Chaperones please properly screen any recordings that contestants may be using. The Talent Committee will screen recordings prior to the competition and if it does not meet the approval of the committee, the contestant will not be allowed to compete. The decision is final. Please make sure all participants understand all requirements to compete.**

**Also, it very important that the vocal singing, rapping, and poetry used is centered on the theme.**

You may be requested to provide a short video presentation of your talent before the conference.

If props are needed, please be ***very specific*** and indicate on the enclosed Talent Competition Form (**if no props are requested or clearly identified on the form items will not be provided for talent your display, please make sure all contestants understand the requirements to compete**).

### **Talent Show Submissions**

**If you are participating in the talent show portion of the Ohio State Youth Conference, you should submit a video of your act via email to Sonya Miller by the designated due date. Sis. Jackson will be in contact with you to inform you whether your act is in compliance with our rules. If there are any concerns about your act, Sis. Miller will allow you to revise your act to bring into compliance and resubmit.**

**Remember**, all forms must be postmarked by **July 17th**. If further information is desired, direct correspondence to:

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