

SIGNING FOR THE DEAF

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PURPOSE: This event encourages students to develop the skill of signing so that they can communicate and develop relationships with the hearing impaired, thus giving them the opportunity to minister to the needs of the hearing impaired.

PROCESS: Each participating group will:

- Properly register each participant.
- Provide (if possible) an interpreter to accompany any hearing impaired participants.
- Provide judges as possible.
- Provide 3 completed judging forms and bring to the event.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Oversee judges and rooms coordination.
- Compile judging sheets and assign award category G, S, B, P.
- Deliver completed team and judging forms to Tally Room.

RULES:

Signing Guidelines

1. Judges may not be related to the participants they are evaluating if possible.
2. Spectators may not enter or leave the room while participants are signing. A participant who has already been judged and is a spectator will be disqualified if they sign during the judging of another participant.
3. Applause is appropriate as a display of appreciation.
4. Bibles and songbooks will not be provided for the participants. They may bring their own or choose to use the tape alone.
5. Participants will be disqualified if spectators give signs during judging.
6. Participants may choose to sign one song or one passage. (see signing a scripture or signing a song for rules)
7. Each participant should give an introduction. Finger spell your name, then sign the name of the song or scripture reference. Should be no more than 20 seconds in length.

8. A participant may use SEE signs or ASL or any level of signing between so long as the signs are clear and the message of the song or scripture is accurately conveyed.
9. **Clothing needs to be solid contrasting color top or without a pattern, and not bold. It is distracting for signing interpretation.** (Makes it difficult to see the hand motions clearly)
10. There will be three Judges qualified in signing for the deaf (if possible).
11. There are three grade categories in this event: Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12

SIGNING OF A SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

Participants may select a scripture from the book of Acts, no less than 1 minute, no longer than 2 minutes in length including introduction.

SIGNING OF A SONG:

The audience will sing and the student will sign the song. Words for each of these songs are posted at the following website:

<http://lrcwr.org>

Participants will be asked to choose ONE song to sign. Please contact the coordinator for a list of songs from which to choose.

9-12 graders will sign 3 verses of the song
6-8 graders will sign 2 verses of the song
3-5 graders will sign 1 verse of the song

AWARDS:

1. There will be three Judges. Comment sheets will be provided for each participant in the Take Home Packet. An award rating will be assigned based upon the three Judges scores on a 5 point scale:

5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Average, 2 = Below Average, 1 = Needs work
2. Participants will be assigned a Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Participation Rating based upon the judges scores and will receive an appropriate-colored engraved plate for the individual's award plaque.