



SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY FEMALE PUBLIC SPEAKING

TOPIC

Your speech must be spiritual or devotional in nature. Possible topics are discipleship, personal integrity, prayer, witnessing, or purity. A focused topic will usually produce a stronger speech than a broad or nebulous topic. You may seek assistance in selecting a topic, but the speech itself must be your own work. Plagiarism, close paraphrasing, or substantial borrowing of contents or ideas and representing them as your own work will result in disqualification. You may use a Bible; however, visuals (e.g., posters, charts, overhead transparencies) are not allowed. A lectern will be provided.

OUTLINE

Type your outline on 8¹/₂" x 11" white paper, single-spaced with double-spacing between major points. The outline must be no longer than two pages and must contain each major point and subpoint stated as a brief but complete sentence (not a topic outline).

1. Center your title near the top of your paper. Type your name below your title.

2. Double space and type the word TOPIC followed by a colon; then type your topic sentence. Example: TOPIC: Our country's greatest need today is prayer.

3. Double space and type the word INTRODUCTION followed by a colon; then type your introduction word for word. The introduction should include your topic sentence.

4. Double space and begin your outline. You may have two to five main points, but three points are usually best. Each main point should have at least two subpoints.

5. All points should be written in complete sentences and should be parallel in construction.

Not Parallel

- I. Our country needs prayer
- II. The importance of prayer
- III. How to pray for our country

Parallel

- I. Our country's needs are great.
- II. God is the answer to our needs.
- III. Prayer is the way to reach God.

6. Illustrations should not be a main point or a subpoint. Put them in parentheses underneath the points they illustrate.

Example

- I. Our country's needs are great.
 - A. Our crime rate is high.
(Illustration: stories of mothers killing their children)
 - B. Our divorce rate is high.
(Illustration: movie star divorces for fifth time)

7. When your outline is complete, double space and type the word CONCLUSION followed by a colon. Type your conclusion word for word.

8. On the second page list the resources you used for the speech. Title this page BIBLIOGRAPHY and use the proper format.

Sample Book Entry

Elliott, Anne. *Juggling Life's Responsibilities*. Schaumburg, Ill: Regular Baptist Press, 2005.

Sample Magazine Entry

Webber, Gerald K. "The Emerging Church." *The Baptist Bulletin* (October 2005): 18–20.

Sample Web Site Entry

Doerflinger, Richard M. "Medical Groups Begin Campaign for Lethal Embryo Research." June 1999. www.nrlc.org/news/1999/NRL699/doer.html

You must use at least five resources in addition to your Bible. These resources could be books on your topic, Bible study tools, biographies, devotional books, commentaries, illustration or speaker quote books, or magazine articles. You may use Internet resources. However, exercise caution, and use only reliable resources.

PRESENTATION

You may use a copy of your outline when speaking, but we discourage obvious dependence on the outline, which will result in a reduction of points for general delivery. You will find it helpful in your preparation to videotape your presentation so you can see and hear areas you need to improve (e.g., posture, gestures, vocal inflection).

TIME LIMIT

Your prepared speech must be at least six minutes, but no more than eight minutes, in length. At the end of seven minutes, the timekeeper will stand long enough to notify you that you have one minute to complete your speech. At the end of eight minutes, the timekeeper will stand again. Any contestant using less than six minutes or more than eight minutes will be disqualified.

IMPROMPTU SPEECH

In addition to your prepared speech, the judges will also ask you to speak impromptu for 90 seconds on a topic they choose. You will have 30 seconds to think about the topic before speaking. The timekeeper will stand at 60 seconds as an indication to wrap up your speech.

CHURCH MINISTRY

To be eligible for state competition, you must give your speech in your local church (or in some other ministry opportunity approved by your pastor). You must submit to the state judges a signed statement from your pastor or youth leader that you have done so.

STATE CONTEST

Submit four copies of your outline with the

bibliography at the time specified by your state TFC director. You will receive your outline after the state contest and may correct and submit it for national competition.

NATIONAL CONTEST

Each first- and second-place state winner intending to compete nationally must submit four copies of her outline with bibliography to GARBC/TFC, 1300 N. Meacham Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173-4806 by **June 1, 2007.**

ADJUDICATION AREAS

Theme—significant; original; spiritual emphasis; not too broad or general; stated well

Content of material—original speech; shows investigation and knowledge; supporting material

Arrangement and organization—progression of ideas; transitions; balance of intellectual, emotional, and volitional elements

Introduction and conclusion—appropriate length; concise; effective

Illustrations—accurately applied; purposeful; balance between supporting material and remainder of content

Style and articulation—grammar; variety; correct pronunciation; vocal quality; breath control; variety in volume, rate, and pitch

General delivery—facial expressions; posture; mannerisms; gestures; sincerity; confidence; freedom from dependence on notes

Impromptu speech

Outline and bibliography—properly prepared; sufficient sources

Appearance—appropriate attire; good grooming