



General Information and Eligibility

TALENTS FOR CHRIST MISSION STATEMENT

Talents For Christ exists to challenge students who are actively involved in GARBC churches to develop their God-given talents for ministry within their local churches and to honor those who demonstrate exceptional preparation and skill.

CATEGORIES

Scholarship Competition

- Bible Knowledge
- Brass
- Female Public Speaking
- Female Voice
- Male Voice
- Oral Interpretation of Scripture
- Piano
- Preaching
- Strings
- Visualized Bible Teaching
- Woodwinds
- Writing

Non-scholarship Group Competition

- Small Vocal Ensemble (3–8 people)
- Large Vocal Ensemble (9 or more people)
- Puppet Team (3 or more people)
- Drama Team (3 or more people)

You will find complete rules for all these competitions at www.garbc.org/TFC.

ELIGIBILITY SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

You must be a high school sophomore, junior, or senior with at least a “C” average to participate in the Talents For Christ scholarship competition. You may enter only one category. You may compete more than one year unless you place first in national competition. You must be present to participate in the state or regional TFC competition.

NON-SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Seventh through twelfth graders may participate in non-scholarship group competitions. Smaller churches may include students from other area churches as long as the students meet all eligibility requirements. The group, however, must compete under the name of the sponsoring church. Groups that place first in national competition may compete again on the state and national level. An individual may compete in the group categories as well as an individual category. You must be present to participate in the state or regional TFC competition.

All scholarship and non-scholarship competitors must be members in good standing of a church or mission church in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. If you are actively involved in a GARBC church but are not a member due to extenuating circumstances, contact your state TFC director. If you live in an area that does not have a state or regional TFC competition, you may submit a videotape recording of your performance to the national TFC director for consideration to compete nationally, or, with the permission of the national director, you may compete at a neighboring state’s contest.

ENTRY

STATE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

To enter your state Talents For Christ contest in a scholarship category and be eligible for a state scholarship, you must complete the official TFC registration form and send it to the GARBC Ministry Resource Center with the registration fee. (You must send in this form and fee even if you do not plan to participate in the national TFC competition.) This form has been sent to your church. If you need additional forms, contact the GARBC Ministry Resource Center, or download the form at www.garbc.org/TFC. Online registration is also available.

Send the TFC entry form and fee to
GARBC/TFC

1300 N. Meacham Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4806

Early registration fee—\$50 if postmarked
by **February 15, 2007.**

Late registration fee—\$65 if postmarked
between **February 16 and March 1.**

Because of the need to plan state competitions,
we cannot accept entries postmarked after **March 1, 2007.**

Fill out the entry form completely and have your pastor or youth pastor sign it. You may enter only one category. Entry fees are not refundable. You will be officially entered in your state contest **only when the GARBC Ministry Resource Center has received your entry form and registration fee.**

All state scholarship contests will follow the TFC rules published at www.garbc.org/TFC.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

All first- and second-place state winners are eligible for national competition and are automatically entered in the national contest when the GARBC Ministry Resource Center receives the State Winners' List from the state TFC director. When competing nationally, you will be allowed to use your same performance piece (writing, musical numbers, speech, sermon, Bible lesson, Bible passage) that you used in state competition. We will send you full information about the national competition after your state contest. State scholarship winners do not pay an additional fee to compete in the national contest.

STATE GROUP COMPETITION

If your state sponsors non-scholarship competition in small or large vocal ensembles, puppet teams, or drama teams, you must send your state's own TFC entry form to the state TFC office along with any fee your state requires. Fill out the entry form completely and have your pastor or youth pastor sign it. **Do not send any form or fee to the GARBC Ministry Resource Center to enter your state's group competition.** All state group contests will follow the TFC rules published at www.garbc.org/TFC.

NATIONAL GROUP COMPETITION

All first- and second-place state winners in group competitions are eligible for national competition. The GARBC Ministry Resource Center will send

the churches a national registration form when we receive the State Winners' List from the state TFC director. When competing nationally, you will be allowed to use your same musical numbers, puppet play, or drama presentation that you used in state competition. To enter national competition, a church must send the registration form and fee of \$75 to the GARBC Ministry Resource Center **by May 1, 2007.**

JUDGING STANDARDS

Standards of judging for state and national contests are identical. The winner is determined by the total number of points. The decision of the judges is final.

Poor (0–2 points)

Numerical recognition given solely for effort expended; performance itself is poor

Fair (3–4 points)

A fair performance, immature, and lacking finesse; needs much further development

Good (5–7 points)

A good performance, but not outstanding in any respect; needs further development

Excellent (8–9 points)

An excellent performance in most respects; defects in performance or interpretation only minor; only slightly below superior

Superior (10 points)

Represents the best conceivable performance and worthy of being recognized as first place; state and national champion caliber

At the close of the competition, judges may ask some contestants to repeat their piece or another assigned piece in order to determine the winners.

Failure to appear according to schedule is grounds for disqualification in both the state and national contests.

DRESS STANDARDS

In order to convey a professional appearance, **appropriate attire** for state and national competition in scholarship categories is a **coat and tie for men** and a **dress (or skirt and blouse) for women.** Attire should always be modest. Vocal ensemble members may wear collared uniform shirts with slacks for men and skirts for women. Puppet and drama team members may wear uniform polo or T-shirts and pants. Drama team members may wear costumes appropriate for the presentation. Failure to meet these standards will result in a penalty on your score.

AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

The TFC participating colleges provide the scholarship money for Talents For Christ winners. The scholarships can be used only at one of these colleges.

- First-place state winners—\$1,000
- Second-place state winners—\$500
- First-place national winners—\$5,000
- Second-place national winners—\$2,500

The participating colleges are

Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

Faith Baptist Bible College, Ankeny, Iowa

Piedmont Baptist College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Shasta Bible College, Redding, California

National scholarships are awarded in addition to the state scholarships. You cannot accumulate schol-

arship money from year to year. You can receive only your highest state award and your highest national award.

The official State and National Winners' Lists will be sent to all the TFC participating colleges. The colleges will credit the winners' accounts according to their guidelines. All the entrance requirements of the colleges must be met for the scholarship to be valid.

We encourage students, especially state and national winners, to consider attending one of the TFC participating schools sometime during their college career.

Scholarships are nontransferable. While no definite time limit is attached to the awards, you should use your award as soon as possible.

GROUP CATEGORIES

First- and second-place national winners in non-scholarship group categories will receive a certificate.