

SHARE YOUR TALENTS

TALENTS FOR CHRIST 2009

What is it? Share Your Talent is an opportunity for young people in grades 6 through 12 to share their talents (abilities, skills, gifts) with youth and adults from other Baptist churches in front of a panel of judges who will evaluate, suggest improvement and grade their talents. Share Your Talent is an expanded and developing program of the Empire State Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches built upon and in cooperation of the well established National GARBC Talents for Christ Contest.

Where and When is it? Share Your Talent will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the First Baptist Church in Horseheads. Directions are at the back of this book.

Why be involved? It will be fun, it will help you to develop your talent/ability and build confidence, you will bless others as you minister, meet new friends and be challenged. Some challenges in life are worth attempting - especially when they involve serving Christ. Sharing Your Talent helps you to prepare and to gain skill for serving the Lord. For those who enter the scholarship category, they have the potential of qualifying for college scholarships on the state and national level.

What kind of talent can be shared? About every talent a young person has or is working to develop. Young people in grades 9-12 desiring to be in the **scholarship** category could enter one of these: Bible Knowledge, Brass, Female Public Speaking, Female Voice, Male Voice, Oral Interpretation of Scripture, Piano, preaching, Strings, Visualized Bible Teaching, Woodwinds, and Writing. IF you are not interested in a college scholarship or in grades 6-12, you can share you talent in the "open" (non-scholarship) category which includes all of the above plus art and digital media.

Will groups be allowed to share? There are small and large vocal ensembles, Duets, puppet teams, and drama teams. If your youth group is small, you can join with another church.

What if I have a talent that doesn't fit in one of the above categories? You should plan to share your talent in the category that is called "Variety Hour." This is a wide-open category that will include such instruments as guitar, xylophone, marimba, organ, key board, harp, harmonica, banjo, hand bells, etc. or reciting a poem, yodeling, impersonations, etc. IF you have a unique talent and are wondering IF you could share it, call the chairman to see if it qualifies.

What does it cost to be involved? Unless you decide to enter the Scholarship category or decide to go on to the Nationals in the non-scholarship, there is NO registration fee. It is free to every young person. During the day on April 18, the church will provide a lunch for those who desire it at a very reasonable price.

How do I sign up? It's simple. You and your friends at church need to fill out an entry form and mail it no later than March 31st. You can go to our website www.esfrbc.org click on the TFC link and you'll be able to navigate to the entry form download. Begin to practice on your talent so you can do your very best, but remember no one is expecting you to be perfect. Give it your best, and see how God will use your talent for His glory. Plan to "Share Your Talent" on April 18th.