

SHARE YOUR TALENTS—JR High Female Public Speaking

TOPIC

Your speech is to be spiritual or devotional in nature, addressing topics such as discipleship, personal integrity, prayer, witnessing, or purity. You will have a stronger speech by communicating a specific topic rather than a broad topic. You may seek assistance in selecting a topic, but the speech itself must be your own composition. For your presentation, you may use a Bible and a lectern that is provided, but you may not use visuals (e.g., posters, charts).

OUTLINE

When composing your speech, your outline should include the topic, an introduction, two to five main points with at least two subpoints for each main point, and a conclusion.

Outline points should be parallel in construction, such as:

- I. Ignoring God's moral standard
- II. Knowing God's moral standard
- III. Obeying God's moral standard

Notate an illustration by writing its descriptive phrase in parentheses under the corresponding main point or subpoint as in the following example:

- A. Rampant cheating in high school
(Illustration: story of classmates sharing answers on chemistry test)

Type the outline on 8 ½" x 11" white paper (two-page limit, including bibliography), single-spaced with doublespacing between major points.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Use five or more reliable references for the bibliography in addition to your Bible. References can include books, Bible study tools, biographies, devotional books, commentaries, Internet sources, magazines, and illustration and speaker quote books.

Note the following sample entries for listing references in the bibliography.

Book

Pickering, Ernest. *Charismatic Confusion*. Schaumburg, Ill: Regular Baptist Press, 2006.

Magazine

Peck, Michael. "Put the Past behind You." *The Baptist Bulletin* (June 2007): 18, 30.

Web Site

Web Site Talmadge, Eric. "A Running Path to Enlightenment." June 2007.

www.chicagotribune.com/news/custom/religion.

TIME LIMIT

Your prepared speech is to be four to five minutes long. The timekeeper will stand at the end of four minutes as a one-minute warning and will stand again at the end of five minutes to signify the end of your speaking time.

PRESENTATION

You may use a copy of your outline when speaking, but points will be deducted for dependence on the outline. You will find it helpful in your preparation to videotape your presentation so you can see and hear areas that need improvement (e.g., posture, gestures, vocal inflection).

INTERVIEW QUESTION

In addition to your prepared speech, the judges will ask you to respond to an interview question. You will have one minute to respond to the question. The timekeeper will stand at the end of five minutes, signifying that your speaking time has ended. You will be judged on your organization of thought, the suitability of your response to the question, and your use of grammar.

CHURCH MINISTRY

Presenting your number in your local church (with the signed statement) is encouraged, but not required.

CRITERIA

You will be judged in the following areas:

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

Content of material—original speech, shows investigation and knowledge, support-

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ing material (Plagiarism, close paraphrasing, or substantial borrowing of contents or ideas and representing them as your own work, will result in disqualification.)

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

Introduction and conclusion—appropriate length, concise, effective

Illustrations—accurately applied, purposeful, accomplish their intended goal, 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

Interview response—organization of thought, suitable to the question, use of grammar

DEDUCTIONS

Attire—You are to wear a dress or skirt ensemble as described in the TFC guidelines. Attire should be modest. A three-point deduction will be made for attire that does not follow these guidelines.

Required materials—You are to provide a properly prepared outline with bibliography by the deadline given below. A three-point deduction will be made for having only some of the materials; a five-point deduction for having none of the materials.

Time—Your speech is to be four to five minutes long. A three-point deduction will be made if you speak less than four minutes or more than five minutes.

SUBMISSIONS

State Competition—Submit your outline with bibliography March 31st to **TFC NY State Coordinator 11651 Bullis Rd Marilla NY 14102**. You can email to pastor-briggs@marillabaptist.org with "State Entry Submission" in the subject line.