

NEW FOR 2018 AND GENERAL DISTRICT FINE ARTS FESTIVAL RULINGS

Fine Arts Festival is open to all Christian students who meet the following criteria:

1. Participating students must be enrolled in grades 6 - 12 or be 12 to 17 years of age as of September 1, 2017.
2. Participating students must be in good standing with a local AG church or an approved denomination or fellowship, and/or youth ministry.

Note: 19-year-old students may not participate in Fine Arts unless they are enrolled in grades 6 - 12 as of September 1, 2017. Students who qualify for the national festival by grade and district advancement may participate at the NFAF even if they turn 19 before/during August 2017.

Fine Arts Festival maintains a high standard for its participants and attendees. Parents, leaders, students, and guests involved in this festival should be committed to the ministry and should represent Christ in their behavior.

Parents, leaders, students, and guests are expected to demonstrate integrity, respect, and support for all other churches, teams, evaluators, participants and volunteers. An overly competitive attitude, rudeness, or unsportsmanlike conduct is not acceptable and is considered grounds for dismissal.

Fine Arts Festival participants must read and abide by the 2018 Fine Arts Festival Rulebook. It is the responsibility of each participant to be familiar with the rules and procedures of this festival. No other person may be held responsible for a participant's lack of information.

Appropriate dress is required for all entries—keeping category norms, intended audience, and ministry effectiveness in mind.

The following categories have had rule changes:

- Songwriting - rules regarding accompaniment and lyric sheets
- Songwriting, Modern Hymn - rules regarding accompaniment and lyric sheets
- Art - rules regarding framing
- Dance - rules regarding apparel and presentation time limits
- Writing and Film Categories - delivery instructions have changed
- Flash Fiction - new word count rule
- American Sign Language categories - new presentation rules

No secular music will be allowed in any and all categories involving music. This includes, but is not limited to: All Communication, Dance, Drama, Exhibition, Instrumental and Vocal Divisions.

There has been a name change to First Person Essay. It is now called Creative Fiction/Memoir.

We now have a NEW division in the Fine Arts Festival: The Enterprise Division with one new category entitled "Business Plan." Please see the rules for this new division and category starting on page 56 of the Fine Arts Festival Rulebook and the accompanying links to templates which can be used for this new category.

All information given throughout the festival must be taken into account towards behavior, presentation times, location, etc. Please respect all signage pertaining to location and the festival throughout Fine Arts Festival.

It is the responsibility of each participant to arrive before their assigned presentation time.

Any and all changes to participant registration forms or categories must be submitted by April 1, 2018 to paulina@tlym.org. Otherwise, there will be a \$10 fee per change to be made payable to TLYM before Fine Arts Festival.