

Missouri District

Children's TalentFest 2017

Dear Children's Director,

It is that time again to start preparing for the Children's TalentFest. The date is Saturday, February 25, 2017 at StL Gateway Church of the Nazarene. Registration and check-in will start at 9:30 a.m. and the opening session begins at 10 a.m. You will not want to miss out on this time as there will be clowns, singing, and information about Summer camps presented. Judging will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. The fee for the festival remains the same as last year, \$3 per individual per category (not including choir participation and large ensemble) and \$10 per choir/large ensemble. The entrance fees MUST be sent with the talent registration forms and checks should be made out to the district. Please mail ALL of the entry forms together by January 31st, 2017 to the address given below. Late entries will not be accepted.

I know TalentFest is an event that a lot of kids look forward to and enjoy being able to participate in every year. I hope you will encourage all your kids, preschool through sixth grade, to think about the areas in which they may be talented, to explore and use all the talents that God has blessed them with. This event is not just for those that are talented in music, art, or drama. The past few years have brought many changes to the talent festival including the inclusion of some new categories. Please keep these new areas in mind when thinking about the talents that your kids may have. At TalentFest, the children are judged according to their own performance and not in competition with another child. A set of qualified judges in each category will look at each student's talent and score them on a scale of 1-4 (with 1 being the best) in different areas that pertain to that particular category. One of the things that will be new this year is that there will be different scoring sheets used for the different age categories, which are listed on the following page. This is being done so that the criteria the children are being judged on is age appropriate. Please also note that one of the areas that each talent will be judged on is "compliance to rules." Some of the expectations/rules have changed this year so please make sure that all kids (and their parents) know what the rules or guidelines are for each category to avoid being marked down in this area. Please send only one packet of applications with one check per church. Checks may be made out to "Missouri District Church of the Nazarene" with "Children's Talent" written on the memo line. Please have money and registration forms postmarked by January 31st, 2017 and mailed to:

Steven Baker
2480 St. Catherine Street
Florissant, MO 63033

If you have any questions please feel free to call and I will do my best to help in any way possible. May the Lord bless you in your talent and time while working with our children for this upcoming fun filled event!

Steven Baker 314) 374-4566 or puccinipappa@yahoo.com

**Missouri District Church of the Nazarene
Children's TalentFest**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Age Categories</u></p> <p>Preschool - Ages 4-5 Primary - Kindergarten through 3rd grade Intermediate - 4th through 6th grade</p> | <p>NOTE: Each child may have as many as two separate entries in any category but no more than 3 total entries for the day. Groups of two or more will be placed in the age category of the oldest child in the group. Each church may have no more than 30 entries.</p> |
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Talent Categories and Rules

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| <p style="text-align: center;">VOCAL MUSIC</p> <p>This category will consist of vocal solos, duets, trios, quartets, and choirs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR VOCAL MUSIC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selection must be no longer than 4 minutes. 2. Two copies of the music must be submitted to the judges before the performance; one must be original. Please no handwritten lyrics. 3. Selection must be Christian, patriotic, or classical. 4. Selection must be memorized. 5. Performance will be judged on pitch/harmony, tone quality, rhythm, dynamics, diction, effect, stage presence, and technical difficulty. | <p style="text-align: center;">INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC</p> <p>This category will consist of instrumental solos, duets, trios, quartets, and choirs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selection must be no longer than 4 minutes. 2. Two copies of the music must be submitted to the judges before performance; one must be original. 3. Selection must be Christian, patriotic, or classical. 4. Selection does NOT need to be memorized. 5. Performance will be judged on pitch/harmony, tone quality, dynamics, articulation, effect, stage presence, and technical difficulty. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">DRAMATIC ARTS</p> <p>This category will include puppetry, monologues, skits, sticks, ventriloquist acts, and teaching of a Sunday School lesson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR DRAMATIC ARTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selection must be no longer than 8 minutes. 2. Two copies must be submitted to the judges before performance; one must be original. Please no handwritten entries. 3. Selection must be Christian or patriotic. 4. Selection must be memorized. 5. Performance will be judged on expression, diction, effect, stage presence, and technical difficulty. | <p style="text-align: center;">VISUAL ARTS</p> <p>This category will include photography, needlework, drawings, paintings, and three-dimensional projects and coloring (preschool category only).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR VISUAL ARTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theme and name of child card must be adjacent to the projects. Cards will be given out at registration. 2. Entry must have a Christian, nature, or patriotic theme. 3. Entry will be judged on line, shape, form, color, value, texture, space, balance, design, creativity, technique, and neatness. |

Talent Categories and Rules Continued

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| <p style="text-align: center;">CULINARY ARTS</p> <p>This category will include cooking appetizers, main dishes, vegetables, desserts and other dishes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR CULINARY ARTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Name of dish and child card must be adjacent to the dish. Cards will be given out at registration.2. Dishes must be prepared prior to talent event. A microwave/oven will be available for reheating.3. Dishes will be judged on presentation, creativity and taste.4. All entry's MUST have a display showing each step of your culinary project. (example take pictures while making your culinary project, show recipe etc...) Please no handwritten recipes. | <p style="text-align: center;">BIBLE MEMORIZATION</p> <p>This category will include reciting a memorized Bible verse.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR BIBLE MEMORIZATION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preschool must have at least 1 verse memorized. Primary must have at least 5 verses memorized. Intermediate must have at least 10 verses memorized.2. Two copies of the full passage must be submitted to the judges before recitation.3. Recitation will be judged on memorization, expression, diction, stage presence, and difficulty. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">CREATIVE WRITING</p> <p>This category will consist of short stories and essays.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR CREATIVE WRITING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Primary must have at least ½ page typed. Intermediate must have at least 1 page typed.2. Writing will be judged on ideas and content, word choice, conventions, organization, and sentence fluency.3. Entries must be submitted in advance with the application by January 31st, 2017! | |

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR 2017 MISSOURI DISTRICT TALENT FESTIVAL

1. Child must attend a Missouri District Nazarene Church.
2. Child may enter up to 3 total events.
2. All registrations and fees must be postmarked by the deadline (January 31st, 2017).
3. For music entries, piano or CD accompaniment may be used. The use of accompaniment CDs with or without background vocals will be permitted. **Please no cassette tapes as we do not have the technology to play them.**
4. If a child has sent an application but is no longer able to attend, please notify the TalentFest director as soon as possible.
5. Children with entries in all categories must be checked in at the talent site by 10:30 a.m.
6. Creative writing entries must be submitted with talent application by January 31st, 2017.
7. All judges were selected based on their expertise in their judged category and their decisions are final.

**Missouri District Church of the Nazarene
Children's TalentFest 2017 Application**

Please have each individual child complete this form, with the exceptions of choirs.
Deadline for applications-postmarked is Tuesday, January 31st, 2017.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Home Church: _____
Children's Director's Name: _____ Director's Phone: _____

Event(s) Entering (please use category titles listed on the previous pages):

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| 1. _____ | Selection Title: _____ |
| 2. _____ (if entering more than one event) | Selection Title: _____ |
| 3. _____ (if entering more than one event) | Selection Title: _____ |

Groups of two or more, please list the names and ages of others in your group:

CHOIRS ONLY

Name of Choir _____
Name of Director _____
Title of Selection _____
Number of choir members participating _____
It is not necessary to list all choir member names.

Applicant's Signature _____

Local Talent Director's Signature _____

Total Application Fee Enclosed \$ _____
(\$3 per individual per category, \$10 for choirs)

Please send one check per church.

Make checks payable to: Missouri District Church of the Nazarene

Send application and fees to: Steven Baker
2480 St. Catherine Street
Florissant, MO 63033