66th Annual National Youth Conference

Registration Packet

July 14-19, 2018

Freed Hardeman University

Henderson Tennessee
Greeting Youth Workers and Supporters:

We are elated to announce that the 66th Annual National Youth Conference will convene on the beautiful campus of Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee July 14-19, 2018.

Freed – Hardeman University is a private university tracing its heritage to the members of the Churches of Christ who helped build it. Freed – Hardeman is primarily undergraduate and residential, enrolling full-time students of traditional college age. The university also serves some commuting, part-time, and adults students on-campus and through distance-learning programs. The campus sits on 96 plus acres located 89 miles from Memphis.

You can have a great time at any of the spectacular attractions on campus, such as the bookstore, Student Center, Clayton Chapel, Brown-Kopel Business Center, Bulliner-Clayton Visual Arts Center, Brewers Sport Center, Anderson Science Center, Hope Barber Shull Academic Resource Center, Loyd Auditorium and much more.

If you want to see and enjoy a beautiful world-class campus while enjoying Christian fellowship, please join us for the 66th National Youth Conference. You will enjoy a spiritual uplifting conference as we explore the theme “CROSSFIT“. We are also planning an exciting outing for you. Thanks for your payers and support as we finalize the plans for this year and the days ahead. It is critical that you get your registration in before the deadline, you can

Again, thanks for your past, present and your continuous help in making this a great year! Looking to see you in July.

In Christian Love,

Ernest “Deacon” Wyrick
Board of Directors, Chairman
I. CrossFitness: First Things First — “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (Hebrews 12:1)

A. Remember The Example Of The Hall Of Famers!- Hebrews 11:1-40
   a. An Example Of How To Run The Race -
   b. An Example Of How To Receive The Reward -
   c. An Example That Reveals That God Is Reliable

B. Endurance Training - 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 144:1; Hebrews 5:11-14
   a. The Faith of the Faithful - 1 Corinthians 10:13
   b. Holy Habits and A Righteous Routine

C. Cardio
   a. Give Me a Clean Heart – Psalm 51:10
   b. Trust with all your heart - Proverbs 3:5
   c. Guard Your Heart – Philippians 4:7; Proverbs 4:23
   d. Do you have enough heart? - Matthew 6:21

D. Strength and Conditioning
   a. Be Strong In the Lord – Ephesians 6:10-12
   b. Strength in Weakness – 2 Corinthians 12:9

E. Diet Matters
   a. You Are What You Eat – 1 Peter 2:2; 1 Corinthians 3:2; Hebrews 5:12-14; John 6:27
   b. Oh, Taste and See – Psalm 34:8
II. **Focus On Christ!** — “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

A. *Focus On Jesus* - Jeremiah 29:13  
B. *Focus On Joy*  
   a. Focusing on Joy helps you endure - Psalm 19:14; Psalm 91:14-15  
   b. Focusing on Joy humbles you – James 4:10; Psalm 46:10  
C. *Focus On Heaven* – Colossians 3:1-3

III. **Cross The Finish Line!** — “For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” (Hebrews 12:3)

A. *Jesus left an example!* - 1 Peter 2:20-22; Matthew 16:24; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 5:1-2;  
B. *Don’t let Haters Get You Off Your Game!* - Psalm 37:1-4; Proverbs 9:7; Psalm 1  
C. *Finish! No Excuses!* - Philippians 1:6; 2 Corinthians 8:11; Colossians 3:23;Philippians 3:14  
   a. Don’t Die On The Track - Matthew 24:13  
   b. Don’t End Up In The Hall Of Shame!  
   c. Don’t Quit Because Of Hard Times! - Rom 12:12; Hebrews 10:36  
   d. Rejoice In Your Whoopin’! God Only Spanks His Own Kids - Hebrews 12:7
National Youth Conference
Leadership Team

Ernest Wyrick
Executive Director / CEO
Dallas, TX

Ramon Hodridge: Special Assistant/ Regional Director
Forney, TX

Natesha Cathey: Director of Team Building
Dallas, TX

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Dallas, TX

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Compton, CA

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Memphis, TN

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Dallas, TX

Pat Teamer: NYC Store
Houston, TX

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Executive Director
Dallas, TX

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Oklahoma, OK

DeShawn Wynn: Assistant Director of Site
Los Angeles, CA

Lisa Stanton: Website Director
Los Angeles, CA

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Plano, TX

Victor Cathey: Directors of Athletics
Dallas, TX

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Leadership Team

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Compton, CA

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Pearland, TX

Terri Mayes: Director of All Conference Chorus
Edmond, OK

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Executive Director
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Kelvin Davis: Assistant Pageant Director
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Barbara Davis: Pageant Production
Jackson, MS

Lois Clemons: Pageant Logistics
Detroit, MI

Ingrid Jones: Pageant Opening Ceremony Coordinator
Baton Rouge, LA
National Youth Conference

Purpose:

- To motivate youth to be faithful, loyal and true to the work of the church
- To guide youth in the right direction that will lead to strong leadership for the cause of Christ
- To associate with young people from other geographical areas who share the same interests. To give youth the privilege of self-expression, an opportunity to work together, exhibiting their personal worth, abilities and God-given talents
- To stimulate youth to become involved in their communities and to extend a Christian influence in confronting contemporary issues

NYC Highlights:

- Prayer*Preaching*Praise*Power and singing that edifies the soul.
- Enlightening and equipping class sessions
- Pageant, All Conference Chorus, Recreation, Christian College Expo, Drama Presentation along with the Orum L Trone, Dr. Calvin Bowers and James Kevin Murray Mistry Leadership and Preaching Lab.
Dates: Saturday, July 14 – Thursday, July 19, 2018

Location: FREED HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY
HENDERSON TENNESSEE

Registration fees: **$300.00** **Off Campus registration: $300.00**

- Full Registration includes: meals, housing, t-shirt, conference packet, materials and pageant
- Off campus registration includes: meals, conference packet, materials and pageant
- Registration Deadlines: Registration Packets MUST BE postmarked NO LATER than June 1, 2018. Please submit all registrations in one congregational packet.
- Late registration fee: An additional $25.00 per person added if registration packets not received or postmarked by June 1, 2018.
- Lost Keys are $35.00 (per key) at the time of checkout.
- Lost Access Code are $35.00 per participant at the time of checkout.

Payment: Make cashier’s checks or money orders, or church checks payable to the National Youth Conference.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND PERSONAL CHECKS.** Please send ONE FORM of payment for all Participants registering from your congregation.
Cancellations: NO REGISTRATION REFUNDS. In the event of Cancellation(s), please attempt to find an appropriate gender replacement and notify the registration committee immediately.

ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER
66th National Youth Conference
Rules

Youth
All youth are under the direction of the youth workers whom they came with. All youth must attend all sessions, unless ill. They must adhere to the conduct and dress code. Come and participate with a positive attitude.
Must be middle school – college.
Must be approved by leadership of the local congregation.
Must be under the guidance and supervision of a youth worker.
Must be familiar with the rules and consent to following them before they are brought to the Conference.
Must attend all workshop sessions
Must remain on Conference premises unless given permission to leave by their youth worker.
Must wear name badge at all times.
Must not engage in any illegal or immoral activities this includes smoking, drinking, gambling, drug use, use of profanity, destruction of property, theft, sexual activity, disorderly conduct such as excessively loud talking, running in the halls or stairs, pillow fighting, playing on elevators
Any major violation of the rules of the National Youth Conference will cause automatic dismissal.

Dress Code:
Females: Skirts, (jeans no holes’ dresses, khakis or slacks) can be worn. Shorts are permissible in NYC organized sports, and on free/shopping/sightseeing day.
Males: long pants (jeans no holes, khakis or slacks) can be worn. During the evening sessions, collared shirts and/or ties are appropriate attire for participants. Shorts are permissible if participating in NYC sponsored sporting activities.

DO NOT BRING CLOTHING THAT IS TOO TIGHT, HANGS OFF BODY, EXPOSES MIDRIFF, CLEAVAGE - UPPER, MIDDLE, LOWER BACK, UPPER THIGH, OR UNDERCLOTHING. (NO NAKED GEAR)

DO NOT WEAR “DOO RAGS” OUTSIDE OF YOUR ASSIGNED ROOMS. DO NOT BRING CLOTHING THAT MAY BE MISSED AS GANG ATTIRE OR EXPRESSES GANG AFFILIATION. TANK TOPS, SWIMWEAR OR SHORTS NOT ALLOWED.
66TH NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE
YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ___________________________ Congregation: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ Zip: __________

PHONE: ( ) ________ - ___________ MALE: ___ FEMALE: ___ AGE ____________

GRADE: 6th__ 7th__ 8th__ 9th__ 10th__ 11th__ 12th__ Col FR__ Col SPH__ Col JR__ Col SR__

Please check one.

_____ Regular participant in youth activities

First Youth Conference: Yes___ No___

In Case Of Emergency Notify:

NAME: __________________ ADDRESS: ______________________________

CITY: __________________________ STATE: ______ ZIP: _________

PHONE: ( ) ________ - ___________ RELATIONSHIP: _____________

E-Mail Address __________________________

Please circle from the list below all activities that you would like to participate in:

Devotions Scripture Reading Sunday Morning Officiates
Morning Devotions Afternoon Devotions NYC Drama
NYC All Conference Chorus Ministry Leadership Workshop Preaching Lab

ALL PARTICIPANTS/PRESENTATIONS SHOULD HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE LEADERSHIP

(Signature of congregation leader) ______________________________

Position of Signed Leader (elder or minister only, please) _____________
66th National Youth Conference
Rules

Curfew
Curfew time will be 12:00 pm. At curfew, YOUTH MUST return to their ASSIGNED rooms. YOUTH should be in rooms, unless accompanied by their youth worker/chaperone.

YOUTH WORKERS AND CHAPERONES
Youth workers will be assigned by the leadership of the church and consistently work with the youth. Chaperones who do not normally work with the youth on a consistent basis, but are temporarily to provide supervision. It is essential that ALL adults accompanying the youth to this event have the support of the leadership, youth workers/chaperones, and parents. We suggest that youth workers/chaperones and parents emphasize the

Important Information:
To help make the conference the God blessing is was design to be, we ask for the help and cooperation of all who plan to attend. Being followers of Christ, we follow the biblically taught principle of submitting to one another in love, and submitting ourselves to biblically defined congregational leadership. First, we request that the congregational leadership take an active role in the youth workers and youth participating in this event. Second, we request that all youth workers/chaperones work with parents to prepare their youth to attend this event, and monitor their youth closely while at the event. Third, we request that all participants, adults and youth, govern themselves accordingly in light of the NYC rules.

Pre-Conference Meeting
Please have a pre-conference meeting with all interested youth and their parents. GO OVER ALL of the rules, procedures and policies. Make this a MANDATORY meeting of all youth workers/chaperones, youth, and parents to minimize confusion. Have the leadership validate both youth workers/chaperones authority and commitment to the National Youth Conference rules, procedures, and policies.

Leadership Awareness
Congregational leadership should sign ALL registration forms of youth workers/chaperones and youth. This simply insures that congregational leadership is aware of who is representing the congregation. If there are any infractions of the rules we can refer back to the signature of who endorsed youth workers/chaperones and youth.
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Housing Procedures

CHECK-IN
Check in 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2018. Youth Workers/chaperones check in at Registration Desk and pick up packets and room assignments.

HOUSING
Room accommodations sleep (2-4) people. Males and females housed separately.

CHECK OUT
Departure at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 19
THE NYC DIRECTORS RECOMMENDED THAT EVERYONE STAY UNTIL THE END OF CONFERENCE. YOUTH WORKERS/CHAPERONES ARE TO CHECK OUT WITH THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE BEFORE LEAVING THE SITE. PLEASE NOTIFY REGISTRATION COMMITTEE IF CHECKING OUT EARLY.
EACH CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT IS RESPONSIBLE TO CLEAN HIS OR HER OWN ROOM UPON DEPARTURE. A fee will be assessed for each room that has damage and is left unclean.
66th Annual National Youth Conference
Rooming List

At least One(1) male youth worker for every 10 males. At least one(1) female youth worker for every 10 females. Youth workers and youth are housed together. Please Print

Congregation ______________________

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ALL OF THE ABOVE SHOULD HAVE APPROVAL OF THE LEADERSHIP
SIGNATURE OF LEADERSHIP ___________________________ Position ___________________________
66th Annual National Youth Conference
T-SHIRT Order Form

Please list the quantity under the sizes.

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COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH PACKET.
Keep a copy for your records. It might be a good idea to make a list of the names of participants on a separate sheet for your information.

For additional info, e mail/call Bro. Ernest Wyrick – deaconwyrick@yahoo.com
Please submit all CONFERENCE registrations
National Youth Conference - Ernest Wyrick – Chairman
Marsalis Ave. Church of Christ ~ 2431 S. Marsalis Avenue ~ Dallas, TX 75216
66\textsuperscript{TH} NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE
YOUTH WORKER FORM

Name: _______________________________ Congregation: __________________________

Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________ Zip: ______________

PHONE: ( ) ___________ - ___________ MALE: ___ FEMALE: ___ AGE __________

E Mail address ________________________________

First Youth Conference: Yes____ No____

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NYC All Conference Chorus Ministry Leadership Workshop Preaching Lab

For Key Deposit for your group contact E.D. Wyrick only!

In Case Of Emergency Notify:
NAME: __________________ ADDRESS: ____________________________

CITY: ___________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: __________

PHONE: ( ) ___________ - ___________ RELATIONSHIP: ____________

Remit forms and payments to

\textbf{E. D Wyrick}
Marsalis Ave. Church of Christ 2431 S. Marsalis, Dallas, Texas 75216
Registration Deadline June 1, 2018
Non- refundable - only transferrable
MEDICAL

Medical personnel may be available during the conference to assist with special health needs. **EVERYONE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE MUST FILL OUT MEDICAL FORMS.** Make copies of medical forms to keep while traveling and during the conference.
MEDICAL LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

By my signature, I indicate that I am aware that during the said activity certain dangers may occur, including, but not limited to, the hazards of accidents or illnesses, sports activities, travel by bus, automobile and/or other means, including walking, that may involve me or my child ______________________ Name ______________________

Injury or Illness
Furthermore, in the event of illness or injury to me or my child, I hereby give permission to the medical staff of the National Youth Conference and Harding University, to obtain whatever medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, x-ray examination, anesthesia and hospital care that by be deemed necessary for me or my child in the best judgment of the attending physician or surgeon and performed by or under the supervision of a member of the medical staff of the hospital or medical facility furnishing medical services, in my absence and/or if unable to reach me at the number listed below on this form.

Responsibility
I also understand and do hereby assume all of the above mentioned risks and will hold the National Youth Conference and their representatives harmless from any damages whatsoever which may arise out of or in connection with the Conference or any activities arranged for me or my child by the Conference; the terms thereof serving as a release and assumption of risk for heirs, executors and administrators and for all members of the family involved. I further assume full legal and financial responsibility for the behavior of my child or me.

Signature ______________________ Congregation ______________________
(Parent must sign if participant is a minor)
Telephone ( )____________________ Family Physician No. ( )____________________
Medical Insurance Carrier ______________________ Insurance Policy # ______________________
(Bring copy of medical card)

List any medical problem, medication or special need of the participant (including food – vegetarian, etc.)

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IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PART OF THE YOUTH CONFERENCE TO STIMULATE AND PROMOTE THAT INNER CHRISTIAN ABILITY IN EVERY YOUTH TO HIGHER GROUND. THROUGH CHRISTIAN COMPETITION, EACH ONE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE TALENT GOD HAS GIVEN US FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AND FOR HIS HONOR AND GLORY.

I. REGISTRATION

A. The counselors of all youth competing must mail the registration form in before July 1st with the necessary information: position competing for, phone number, birth date, local congregation, talent to be displayed, speech topic with all information legible (easy to read).

B. The counselor should do all registering. NO youth can compete if not under a counselor. Youth should be involved in a youth group at home or give evidence of having been involved before coming to the conference. You may have letters of recommendations from the community, school, counselor, etc., but the spiritual leadership of said Youth’s congregation has the final decision as to whether or not said youth may represent that congregation at the state and national conference. The Minister or elders have the final authority as to said youth’s participation and representing that congregation.

C. Registration must include letters for contestants, one letter of Recommendation for Competition from each of the following sources: Minister of their congregation, Church Counselor, School counselors or Principal. If not in high school recommendation letter from his/her place of employment, and if not employed, then from an Elder of their congregation.

Whoever writes a letter must identify the position of authority he or she holds to qualify the letter. ALL LETTER’S MUST BE TYPED!

NOTE: Bonus of three (3) additional points awarded for sending not less than two (2) letters of recommendations, five (5) points for all three recommendations.
REGISTRATION CONTINUED

Letters must be sent to Bro. Phillip Wade before the July 1 deadline. If no letters are received, the contestant cannot compete! If letters are sent in after the deadline, (for whatever reason), no points will be awarded for those letters. Counselor and Contestant must make sure letters are on time.

D. From each state interested in Pageant Awards completion, **ONLY ONE YOUTH CAN COMPETE IN EACH DIVISION FROM A STATE.**

1. No youth who won a National title may compete again in the same division. If age of a winner in DIVISION –B changes to qualify youth to move into DIVISION –A, this youth may compete again only in DIVISION-A.
2. A youth must compete and win on the STATE level before competing at the National level. Youth may compete locally and win the state title, and then proceed to the National Conference to compete. If the youth does not win the title that he or she is competing for on the National level in that same year, then that youth must start over again the next year from the State level. A youth must compete locally and win, and then proceed to the National to represent his or her state in a given category.

II. AGE

A. The age qualification is from 13 to 20 years of age. There will be two divisions:
   Division – A (ages 16 to 20), Division – B (ages 13 to 15).

   Division – A:  Miss National Youth Conference  
                 Mr. National Youth Conference

   Division – B:  Miss National Congeniality  
                 Mr. National Congeniality

B. **MARRIED YOUTH ARE NOT QUALIFIED. (CANNOT RUN)**

C. **NO YOUTH WHO IS A PARANT OF A CHILD IS QUALIFIED TO RUN.**

III. DRESS

A. If a contestant desires to wear a special outfit for his or her talent competition or performance, this is allowable. Youth should be dressed in said outfit when time to go on
stage. After performance, there will be time to change into formal attire. **Dress should not be too extreme, Lewd, or offensive.**

**DRESS CONTINUED**

B. Formal wear is permissible throughout performance if desired. Once the winners are announced, contestants should already be dressed in formal wear ready to accept awards. We recommend that all young men wear ties with formal dress.

**IV. LOCAL STATE CONFERENCE AND STATE PAGEANT**

A. **PURPOSE:** To encourage, organize and prepare youth of any particular state to be ready to attend the Annual National Youth Conference.

B. Each state interested in competing in the National Youth Conference Pageant Competition, should select representative from the state for each category if possible. Only qualified youth should be selected. The categories are found in the “AGE” section. In addition, if a youth wins first place on the State level, that youth should, when entering the State Competition, should do so with the intentions of going to the National Conference to compete. If a youth wins first place on State level and after winning, decides he or she cannot attend the National Conference, then the youth who won second place should be sent to represent that State to compete in that Division. If a youth does not plan to attend the National, I advise the youth not to enter the competition. You might prevent/hinder another youth from participating in the National. **ANY YOUTH WHO IS ALREADY A PARENT OF A CHILD CANNOT COMPETE IN THE PAGEANT!**

To select a representative from a given state, one congregation should be responsible to host the program. They should notify the other congregations in the State of their intentions, set a date and have a program. All the contestants will have equal amount of time to perform before an impartial group of judges, usually made up of a panel of five (5). All contestants judged by the same criteria locally as they will be nationally; (see guidelines). There should be, if enough contestants compete, four (4) State winners and four (4) Runner-ups. Trophies and awards for encouragement and incentive.

**IT SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO HAVE A STATE RUN-OFF AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THIS AT HOME. IN THE EVENT THAT SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ONE OF THE FOUR TOP WINNERS FROM YOUR STATE, THEN A RUNNER UP WILL REPRESENT THE STATE AT THE NATIONAL PAGEANT. IF A STATE COMES TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE NOT HAVING A SELECTION OF CONTESTANTS, THEN IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR THEM TO OBSERVE THE FUNCTIONS THAT YEAR AND COME PREPARED THE NEXT YEAR TO PARTICIPATE, IF THEY DESIRE.**

**V. REIGN OF WINNERS**

A. Reign of winners in a Division will be for one (1) year. Those who do not win in the National Miss & Mr. National Youth Conference may compete again **ONLY IN THIS DIVISION UNTIL HE OR SHE EITHER WINS OR EXCEEDS AGE LIMIT.**

**REIGN OF WINNERS CONTINUED**

B. Reign of winners in Mr. & M. National Congeniality will be for one (1) year. Youth may compete again in the same Division **ONLY UNTIL ONE WINS OR EXCEEDS THE AGE LIMIT.**
Youth may then aspire for the next Division (Miss & Mr. National Youth Conference) upon reaching qualifying age.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH COMPETING
A. When it is time to compete, if the Talent is first, the youth should notify the judges that this is being done. If the speech is given first, the youth should say at the completion of the speech, “And now for my talent, I would like to …” and then proceed to display the talent.

VII. JUDGING
A. There will be five (5) judges selected by Phillip Wade. He may work through the local congregation or through the local college administrator.
B. Judges will decide winners by their marking point on the score sheet for individual contestants. Scores are computed during the performance of contestants by a panel of scorekeepers. Upon reaching the completion of computation of scores, the winner’s name will be placed in a sealed envelope to be announced at the program’s finale.
C. Judges should be knowledgeable in the following: Music performance, speech delivery, and have keen perception and appreciation for individual personal talent. In addition, judges must be able to stay through the entire phase of the program, so as to listen to all contestants and judge fairly. Judges should be non-partisan.
D. Each contestant will be judged on the following:
   1) PERSONAL APPEARANCE
   2) SPEECH, CONTENT, DELIVERY, ORIGINALITY
   3) POISE
   4) PERSONALITY
   5) SPECIAL TALENT DISPLAYED
E. The point system used by which a contestant may receive from one (1) to five (5) points in each category.
   1 point – poor
   2 points – fair
   3 points – good
   4 points – very good
   5 points – outstanding

JUDGING CONTINUED
F. A total of (25) maximum points obtained, plus the extra points for registering letters on time. In the event of a tie, judges will render the tie breaking decision. Each contestant will appear on stage before
the audience and judges. A relatively easy question on current affairs will be asked each finalist. The contestant will then have to respond. The judges will determine which contestant answered best.

G. WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR’S WINNERS TO BE ACTIVE IN PRESENTING AWARDS TO THE NEW WINNERS AND TURN THEIR REIGN OVER TO THEM.

VII. CONTESTANT’S PERFORMANCE

A. Contestants MUST compete by presenting a SPEECH ON THE CONFERENCE THEME AND A TALENT. 
Note: Speech may be on any of the subtopic as well. Talent: Music, Dramatic reading, Compositions, Crafts, etc. Judges will allow contestants six (6) minutes to present his or her talent and speech using the time to contestant’s best advantage. Contestants, however, will be penalized points for going over the time limit. A point will be subtracted from a contestant’s score for each minute over the limit his or her performance lasts. Note: Each second will count for overtime. 

Contestants should strive to have as much individual performance as possible. No other person (s) may vocalize in said performance or have an active part to lend additional performance credit to the contestant competing. Only one person is competing as an individual and not as a group, partners, etc. Check with Phillip Wade if there is doubt as to how another person(s) may be used. All extras must be silent and active as little as possible.

PROPS: A voice recording on tape recorder, music background recorded may be used in moderation. Props should be kept to a bare minimum, if any at all. Youth should not have to decorate the stage with props in an attempt to impress the audience and judges. If a youth does use props in performing, then the following will apply to said youth: There will be only one (1) minute allowed for set-up of props and there will be only one (1) minute allowed for removal of props. The removal must be done smoothly and quietly, and handled cooperatively. We cannot afford any more time for this than one (1) minute and anyone exceeding one (1) minute for setup or removal will lose one (1) point every 30 seconds of overtime. NO EXCEPTIONS unless otherwise deemed by the Director of the Pageant. Props should be cleared with Phillip Wade prior to July 1st, by sending information to his mailing address.

Failure to register a contestant on time with ALL information could lead to his/her disqualification from competition at the National Conference. All letters and registration forms and $25.00 Pageant Participation Fee must be MAILED prior to July 1st. “NO EXCEPTIONS.” No letters will be accepted at the National Conference. We wish to be fair and honest with all.

PAGEANT GUIDELINES ADDENDUM

1. Contestant must be in the age category competing in when you attend the National Conference. There are two categories:
   Mr. & Miss. Congeniality – Ages (13 – 15) 
   Mr. & Miss. National Youth Conference – Ages (16 – 20)
If you compete in a state conference at home and know you will have a birthday that will move you out of the qualifying age limit and category in which you won or competed, you cannot compete at the National Conference.

Example: If a youth wins Miss Congeniality locally while she is 15 years old and then turns 16 before the National Pageant, she will compete in the National Congeniality category that she won on the state level.

Please take care of any problems at home and not at the National Conference. If you have any problems understanding this, please call Phillip Wade, (see Director’s list).

2. Contestants must submit a separate letter stating what their performance will consist of. **EXAMPLE:**

   “TALENT”: What are you going to do? Be specific giving details! (All information sent to Bro. Philip Wade be held in confidence)

   “DRAMATIZATION”: A copy of the selection in order to compete; not complying with these requests will result in your disqualification. **Original and spiritual talents are greatly encouraged. Please refrain from morbid skits such as suicide, murder and drunkenness, etc. We do not want to glorify something that the Scriptures condemn.**

   **YOU MUST STATE IN 100 WORDS OR MORE WHY YOU DESIRE THE TITLE FOR WHICH YOU ARE COMPETING.**

Completed Pageant Registrations will contain:

2. A **completed** Pageant registration form and Pageant Participation fees.
3. Letters of recommendation from Elders, Ministers, Deacons, Congregational Youth Workers, School Counselors, Principals or Teachers ONLY. All letters MUST be on official congregation or school letterhead. Handwritten and form letters will not be accepted.
4. A 4x6 or 5x7 good quality head shot photo

REGISTRATION – Youth MUST submit conference registration by June 1, 2018. **ALL pageant registration documents MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 1, 2018.**

To register for the pageant, mail all NYC Pageant Forms and Fees to:

Phillip Wade  
Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ  
2431 S. Marsalis Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75216
For additional information, please direct inquiries to:
Phillip Wade, Pageant Director (214) 729-4470 or
phillip.wade@sbcglobal.net

PAGEANT REGISTRATION FORM
(Please TYPE or PRINT ONLY)

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City, State & Zip code: ______________________________

Phone number with area code: (       )

Age: ________

School (now attending/graduated from): __________________________

Position Competing for: _________________________________
State Position Now Holding:

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Interests/Hobbies:

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Future Endeavors:

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"PHOTO": Please send a 4 x 6 color photo of contestant. (Preference is to email JPG photo to nycpageant@yahoo.com"