

**Purpose:** To provide equal opportunity for every child from the local churches of the Joplin District to participate in a talent competition with judges giving suggestions for the child's development of talent.

**Eligibility:** Children grades K-6 who attend the local church and have submitted entry and fee by the specified date.

**Entry form and fee:** Each church will submit an entry form providing information concerning each child: name, grade division, and category of competition he/she is entering. An entry fee of \$2.00 per child, per entry, must be submitted with the entry form. No refunds for cancellations.

**Rating Scale:** Each child will be judged against himself. There will be first, second, and third places given in the athletic competition. In the fine arts competition, each child will be rated on a scale qualifying them for either a I, II, or III.

Awards will be given immediately following a performance, and medals will be with the child's project.

**Categories:** Each child may enter a maximum of three categories.

Each child may enter any two of the individual categories: instrumental solo, vocal solo, dramatic presentation, creative art or craft, photography, and creative writing PLUS a large group category.

Each participant may enter the athletic competition in addition to the three talent categories.

**Judges:** Two judges will be used for each category of competition. We will use qualified personnel who are members of the Joplin District Church of the Nazarene. The contestants will be judged as per the adjudication sheet. The judges' decision will be final.

**Schedule:** We will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the church sanctuary with an opening. The choir competition, dowel rod, and dramatic presentations will then follow. Make sure the art, craft, photography, and creative writing entries are turned in between 9:30-9:50 A.M. After being dismissed from the sanctuary, children will attend their other events throughout the day. We will have a closing after all of the competitions are finished. You will receive a schedule that day when you arrive.

\*There will be no lunch served at the church. Please pack a lunch or make arrangements to eat out.

Please mail entry form and fees to:

First Church of the Nazarene  
Attn. Sarah Pridey  
801 E Third  
Fort Scott, KS 66701

If you have any questions, email me at [mrspridey@yahoo.com](mailto:mrspridey@yahoo.com)

## Divisions and Categories of Competition

The grade divisions will be:

**Primary – Grades K-2**

**Middler – Grades 3-4**

**Preteen – Grades 5-6**

The categories and rules of competition will be:

### **Group Competitions:**

**Small Vocal Group (2-5 participants)**

**Large Vocal Group (6+ participants)**

**Dowel Rod (Stick) Group**

**Keyboard Group**

**Instrumental Group**

(Guidelines apply to all group competitions)

1. All members of the group must be in grades K-6.
2. Music will be religious or patriotic.
3. Maximum time will be 5 minutes; minimum time, 2 minutes.
4. Must be memorized.
5. CD accompaniment will be accepted.

### **Solo Competitions:**

**Vocal Solo**

**Keyboard Solo**

**Instrumental Solo**

**Speech or Drama Solo**

(Guidelines apply to all solo competitions)

1. Must be in grades K-6.
2. Material will be religious or patriotic.
3. Maximum time will be 5 minutes; minimum time, 2 minutes.
4. Must be memorized.
5. CD accompaniment will be accepted for musical numbers.
6. Speech or Drama may be any of the following:
  - a. Scripture (Quizzing Material from 2010-2011 year is acceptable)
  - b. Original Essay
  - c. Oral interpretation (a recitation of printed material)
  - d. Puppet, ventriloquism, or magic act.

Once you have entered an area of fine art competition, you may enter the athletic competition.

Maximum number of talent entries is three per child, in addition to the athletic competition.

Make checks payable to Joplin District SDMI.

## **Creative Competitions:**

### **Creative Writing**

1. Theme must be religious, nature, or patriotic
2. Categories will be original poetry, short story, or essay
  - a. Poetry may be rhyming or free verse  
Primary – 4 lines; Middler – 8 lines; Pre-Teen – 12 lines
  - b. Short Story that includes character and plot  
Primary – 200+ words; Middler – 250+ words; Pre-Teen – 300+ words
  - c. Essay based on fact (example of topic: "A Time I Chose Between Right and Wrong")  
Primary – 200+ words; Middler – 250+ words; Pre-Teen – 300+ words
3. Child entering creative writing must be in attendance on March 3.

### **Creative Art**

1. Use either pencil, crayon, watercolor, color pencil, oil, charcoal, or pastels.
2. Size of actual sheet where creative art is placed:  
Minimum size: 8" x 10"                      Maximum size: 18" x 24"
3. Must not be traced.
4. Must be religious, patriotic, or nature theme.
5. Every phase of the art entry must be prepared by the child.
6. A 3" x 5" card must be taped to the front of the art with the title of the picture, name, age, and grade division of the child written on the card.
7. Child entering must be in attendance on March 3.

### **Creative Craft**

1. May include macramé, string, wood, mosaic, salt dough, pottery, stitchery, paper collages, use of pre-cut wood, and ceramic greenware.
2. Religious, patriotic, or nature themes will be accepted.
3. Craft kits are not allowed, but patterns and pattern books are allowed.
4. Every phase of the craft entry must be prepared by the child.
5. A 3" x 5" card must be taped to the front of the art with the title of the picture, name, age, and grade division of the child written on the card.
6. Child entering must be in attendance on March 3.

### **Creative Photography**

1. Black and white or color prints from any time of camera, including instamatics will be accepted. Slides or transparencies will not be allowed.
2. Religious, patriotic, or nature themes will be accepted.
3. Photo must be 5" x 7" or 8" x 10" and must have been taken by the participant.
4. You may mount your picture however you would like. However, for the judges to look at it better, we ask that you do not put it behind glass.
5. A 3" x 5" card must be taped to the front of the art with the title of the picture, name, age, and grade division of the child written on the card.
6. Child entering must be in attendance on March 3.

### **Cooking**

1. All types of cookies and cakes will be accepted.
2. All entries must be baked by child.
3. A 3" x 5" card must be included which contains the child's name and the recipe.
4. Child entering must be in attendance on March 3.