Delmarva DC Church of God



March 10, 2018 Chesapeake Christian Center

Registration: 8:00am

Program: 9:00am



☐ Contemporary Christian Performance

2018 Junior Talent Entry Form

March 10, 2018; Ages 7-12

Chesapeake Christian Center

(Registration 8 AM – Competition promptly at 9 AM)

Entry Deadline: February 16, 2018

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INDIVIDUAL ENTRY (Please Print Neatly – Complete all information)				
Name:			Sex: □ Male	□ Female
Parent Email Address:				
Mailing Address:				
Date of Birth://				
I am a regular attendee of				
I have enclosed a fee of \$ (Make checks payable to Church of God) \$30 per category				
ENTRY DIVISION (Please cl	neck each area you wis	sh to particip	ate in)	
MUSIC ☐ Male Vocal Solo ☐ Female Vocal Solo ☐ Keyboard (Piano, Organ, Electric) ☐ Brass ☐ Strings (Bowed, Plucked) ☐ Woodwind ☐ Percussion (Definite, Indefinite)	DRAMA ☐ Monologue ☐ Solo Mime ☐ Solo Human Video ☐ Solo Pantomime ☐ Solo Expressive Mo ☐ Solo Synchronized ☐ Spoken Word	ovement Movement	☐ Computer Graph	BIBLE Bible Story Telling Solo Bible Quizzing
GROUP ENTRY (Please Print Neatly – Complete all information)				
Group Name: # in Group:				oup:
Church: Group Leader Name:				
Group Leader Email Address:				
Mailing Address:				
Date of Birth:/ Age: Phone:				
I have enclosed a fee of \$	(Make checks pa			\$100 (6-12); \$125 (13+)
ENTRY DIVISION (Please che Music Small Vocal Ensemble (2-5 singers) Large Vocal Ensemble (6-12 singers) Choir (13+ singers) Small Instrumental Ensemble (2-8 plates) Large Instrumental Ensemble (9+ plates) Handbell Ensemble	DRAMA ☐ Group Skit ☐ Group MIme ☐ Group Huma ayers) ☐ Group Pantoi	n Video mime rronized Move	BIBLE Team Bible	Quizzing



Delmarva-DC 2018 Junior Talent Fact Sheet

Date:

March 10, 2018

Location:

Chesapeake Christian Center

206 Weston Woods Drive

Pasadena, MD 21122

Time:

Registration at 8 AM

Competition promptly at 9 AM

Deadline: Postmarked by February 16, 2018

GUIDELINES:

1. All division and category requirements are listed in the Junior Talent manuals.

- 2. Participants must be between the ages of **7-12** during Jr. Talent Competition, **March 10, 2018.**
- 3. Each participant must be a regular attendee of the Church of God in Delmarva-DC.
- 4. Each group entry must include a list of the names and ages of all participants.
- 5. **Junior Talent Manual** (Art, Bible, Music, & Drama) can be obtained by ordering online at cogyouthstore.org.
- 6. Fees are as follows: **Individual fee: \$30** per category; **Group fee: \$75** (2-5), **\$100** (6-12), **\$125** (13+) per category.
- 7. A schedule will be emailed to participants before the Competition.
- 8. Refunds for cancellations are not available.
- 9. Registration begins at 8:00 AM in the lobby of Chesapeake Christian Center.
- 10. Registration packets can be downloaded at www.cogdelmarvadc.com

Mail your application by **February 16, 2018** to: **Delmarva-DC Junior Talent 7127 Long View Road Columbia, MD 21044**

If you have any questions, call the Delmarva-DC office at 410.531.5351 or email angie.sharpe@cogdelmarva-dc.org





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MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2018

TO:

Youth & Discipleship State/Regional/National Directors

FROM:

David C. Blair, International Director

SUBJECT:

Launching of International Junior Talent Competition 2018

It was great to visit with those who were able to attend the Leadership Summit last week. We are boxing up and shipping the material to those who were not able to attend. I hope you all are well and the new year is off to a fantastic start!

In a continual effort to highlight and invest in the Jeremiah Generation, the International Executive Committee and Youth & Discipleship are very excited to announce the Inaugural International Junior Talent Competition and Awards Festival. This has been in Janet's heart for some time, and we are thankful God has paved a way to expand this ministry for children. The program will be conducted as part of the 2018 General Assembly in Orlando, Florida.

This ministry launch continues the Church of God Leadership emphasis to identify, reach, train, and empower the Jeremiah Generation. The gifts and talents of children will be displayed and celebrated during this significant global gathering of the denomination, the International General Assembly. Participants will be invited to participate in a special Jeremiah Generation service held as a part of the International General Assembly. It is my hope and prayer to have each state, region, and nation represented in this first International Junior Talent presentation of incredible talent.

International Junior Talent seeks to highlight and celebrate the gifts and talents of Church of God children (ages 6-12). Many states and regions are already conducting state Junior Talent competitions to encourage children to develop their talents and skills for ministry in the local church and community. Junior Talent closely models its elder sibling, Teen Talent (ages 13-19), in scope and categories.

Now this younger generation will have the opportunity to shine on the International stage!

While we know this is a short time span for the launch of a program of this magnitude, we believe it can happen based on the following rationale:

- 1. We have a superior team of state/regional/national directors who have the ability to promote this ministry to every local church and facilitate a form of competition even if it is in conjunction with summer youth camps or another program.
- 2. We are not anticipating any major changes being necessary in the Junior Talent Manual, only minor adjustments for clarification and age definitions to update the manual currently available in the COGYOUTH webstore. If there are categories being offered in your local competitions that are not part of the current manual, please submit them to our office by Wednesday, January 24, 2018, so that consideration can be given for these categories at International competition.
- 3. Registration for the International Competition will open on May 1, 2018, and the final deadline for the registration will be announced at a later date. Each director will be sent a spreadsheet to fill out and submit a list of eligible participants to the International department, then a digital invitation will be sent directly to each individual/group participant, much like International Teen Talent.
- 4. The upcoming General Assembly will be held in Orlando, Florida, a very family friendly city, which should provide a wonderful backdrop for the competition with many things to do outside of the schedule.

We expect some bumps along the road as we cut a new path for juniors to be celebrated and recognized, and I would like to appreciate in advance the pastors, parents, and leaders for their patience with us as we enter this new frontier. THANK YOU for helping make it happen!

Please be sure to familiarize your local board members and leadership teams with the enclosed International Junior Talent 2018 Fact Sheet and Overview. Feel free to contact our office with questions, observations, or challenges over the next few months.



Inaugural International Junior Talent Competition 2018 Fact Sheet & Program Overview

What:

International Junior Talent Competition & Awards Festival

When:

August 1-3, 2018 (Tentative)

Where:

Church of God General Assembly

Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida

Who:

Children Ages 6-12 (See notice below)

Special Notice on Age Restrictions for the 2018 Inaugural Competition:

- 1. In a called International Youth & Discipleship Board meeting on January 19, 2018, a measure was passed to officially widen the age range for Junior Talent competition from 7–12 to 6–12 years of age to include participants from states/regions who currently allow six-year-old children to compete.
- 2. Realizing that some states only offer Junior Talent every other year and may not be conducting a competition this year; for the sake of children who might be excluded; *for this year only*, the age range for participants has been widened to include all those whose age qualified them to participate last year (much like we did in 2010 and 2011 as Teen Talent was transitioned to Lee University). In other words, if participants were eligible in 2017, then they are deemed eligible to participate in 2018 as well. This will allow states/regions who conducted a Junior Talent in 2017, but do not plan to conduct competition in 2018, to send their 2017 winners.
- 3. Furthermore, as an attempt to create a level playing field across the age span; the states/regions who are conducting a 2018 Junior Talent may allow children who were eligible within the 2017 age qualification to participate this year. This will increase the age range for this first International competition only. Directors have the option to allow older children (those

who were 12 years old for at least one day between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018) to participate this year since contestants from states who are not having a competition this year may have older children who won last year.

How: Individuals and groups will compete in the various categories within the divisions as outlined in the Junior Talent Manual (revised January 2018).

Special Note: Bible Quizzing participants from 2017 will need to secure a copy of the current Bible Quizzing Questions in order to prepare for the 2018 International Junior Talent Bible Quizzing Competition.

Adjudication:

Music & Drama - There will be one (1) qualified performance adjudicator panel for the division of Music and one (1) panel for Drama that will judge all categories within each division. We will use the same electronic scoring system as Teen Talent.

Art: Art will be judged by a separate panel of adjudicators in a secure location. Entries will be checked in and registered on the designated day. Once the Art entries have been scored, they will go on display in the General Assembly exhibition area.

Bible: Plans are for Bible Quizzing to take place in the same venue as Music and Drama; however, should the number of registered individuals and teams exceed the scheduled time frame, then Bible Quizzing will be moved to an alternate location.

Awards: A special International Junior Talent Awards Festival will be held at the end of the competition to recognize winners and runner-ups in each category as well as those with a superior rating and honorable mention.

Adjudicators will be encouraged to provide positive comments and to give more freely of Excellent and Superior Ratings than in Teen Talent competition. Honorable Mentions will be recognized when ratings are close in points as well as in categories with large numbers of participants.

Registration: State, Regional, and National Directors will submit a list of eligible participants in each category of the Junior Talent competition from their respective areas to the International Department by the designated deadline.

Directors are allowed to enter up to three (3) participants in each category to allow for a winner and two runner-up participants in the case of a tie score.

Directors who are submitting eligibility list from 2017 competitions are encouraged to submit them by April 1, 2018. This will allow the International Department to begin sending electronic invitations and building the competition schedule.

Please encourage parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends who will be attending with participants to register for the General Assembly at *churchofgod.org/ga2018*.

Competition Schedule: Once all local eligibility lists are submitted to the Y&D department, the eligible individuals/groups will receive an electronic invitation to register for international competition. Directors are asked to secure a valid email and cell number for each entry in order for electronic registration invitations to be sent and text message updates concerning competition changes to be delivered. Once all individuals/groups are registered, a schedule will be compiled, sent electronically to participants, and posted on the Youth & Discipleship and General Assembly 2018 websites.

<u>Travel & Lodging:</u> International Junior Talent Competition participants will be responsible for their own entry fees, travel, meals, and lodging. Orlando housing information can be accessed on the General Assembly 2018 website at churchofgod.org. Financial assistance will be provided at the discretion of each State, Regional, or National Director.

Registration Fees:

Individual \$100.00 Small Group (2-5) \$200.00 Large Group (6 and up) \$300.00