



Dear Children's Ministry Director/Coordinator,

It's time to prepare for Children's Talent 2018! Children's Talent will be held on **Saturday, February 24, 2018** at GFN Church, located at 1201 Haywood Road, Greenville, SC 29615.

As you begin to prepare for Children's Talent, here are a few things that are important for you to know. You will want to share this information with the parents of children in your church:

- The entry fee for Children's Talent is **\$15 per person**, regardless of number of events. This fee is to help cover the cost of medals. Each child will leave with a medal in each of the categories that he/she has entered.
- Choirs & instrumental groups—including bell choirs—pay a **\$25 fee** if the choir has more than 12 children.
- GFN Church will be handling all Children's Talent registrations **ONLINE**. Registration will begin on Wednesday, January 10th. *Paper copies are available for the convenience of collecting your church's information, and please be sure to use these to transfer the information over to the online registration.* The church registration form can be accessed at <https://gfnchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/73/responses/new>
- Once you complete your church's registration form, you will be emailed the link the individual child registration forms. Please complete one for each child that will be participating in this event.
- Full payment is due at the time of online registration. All fees are non-refundable as medals are ordered based on the number of registrants. We will not be able to make exceptions for this.
- **All registrations are due by Sunday, February 18th.** A \$20.00 late fee will be added to late registrations to cover shipping for additional medals.
- **Each church must provide one volunteer to serve as an event judge.** This volunteer must be at least 18 years of age. The name, email address, and phone number for this volunteer will be collected during onlineregistration.
- Due to the length of Children's Talent, we will break for lunch. You may pack & bring a lunch, or there will be hot dog plates (includes hot dog, chips, a cookie, and a drink) available for \$5.00 as a fundraiser for GFN Student Ministries. **Meal tickets must be purchased no later than February 18th** and paid for online OR separately from online registration fees by check payable to GFN Church, ATTN: Children's Talent, 1201 Haywood Road, Greenville, SC 29615.
- There will be tables set up for lunch in the Gym, and a snack bar will be open throughout the day Student Center Café.

Please park in the lower lot directly adjacent to Haywood Road and enter through the main doors at the top of the steps. The opening ceremony will take place at 10:00 AM in the Main Worship Center. Check-In will be from 9:15 until 9:50 AM in the Haywood Road Foyer, just outside of the Main Worship Center. **PLEASE send only ONE person to check in for your entire church group.** There will be signs directing you to the Check-In area.

If you have further questions, contact GFN Church at (864) 233-4890, ext. 17 or email us at smatson@greenvillnaz.org.

Sincerely,

Sara Matson

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GFN Church



GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

AGE DIVISIONS:

- 4 & 5-year-olds
- Grades 1-3
- Grades 4-6

AREAS OF PERFORMANCE:

- Vocal Solo
- Vocal Ensemble (2-6 children)
- Vocal Group (7 or more children)
- Music Rap Solo/Ensemble (1-6 children)
- Music Rap Group (7 or more children)
- Instrumental Solo* (Wind, Brass, Percussion, Strings, Keyboard)
- Instrumental Group* (Wind, Brass, Percussion, Strings, Keyboard)
- Scripture Memorization
 - 4- & 5-years-olds: minimum of 3 verses
 - 1st-3rd Grade: minimum of 6 verses
 - 4th-6th Grade: minimum of 10 verses
- Oral Interpretation—reading, play, poem, skit, finger plays (age 4 & 5 only)
- Puppets
- Signing
- Crafts
- Painting/Drawing
- Sticks/Creative Choreography
- Speed Stacking

* *Beginner: less than 3 years of instruction; Advanced: 3 or more years of instruction.*

SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 18th

- Online Registration and Payment should be completed.

Saturday, February 24th

- Check-In is from 9:15 AM until 9:50 AM.
- Opening is at 10:00 AM.
- We will conclude by 3:00 PM at the latest.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Musical Areas of Performance

- Mixed age levels are okay for group, ensemble, duet, etc. Performances will be adjudicated at the age level of the oldest child in the group. Make sure they appear in the appropriate age level on the registration form(s).
- All vocal music must be of a Christian nature, suitable for performing in a church service. It is preferable that instrumental music be of a Christian genre, but is not required. Include the number of years of instruction for instrumentalists. Judges will be aware of this information.
- Time limit for each selection is 5 minutes.
- Music should be memorized -vocal and instrumental. Points will be deducted by judges for use of notes or written music.
- Only one selection is permitted per person in each area of performance.
- Pre-recorded background music is allowed. Be sure it is identified/labeled with child's name and which track, if multiple tracks are present.
- A maximum of six (6) children in each age group may participate.

Oral Interpretation & Scripture Areas of Performance

- Scripture memorization may be taken from any translation of the Bible.
- Three copies (1 for each judge) of the verses are to be sent with the registration form.
- All oral interpretation (reading, play, poem, skit) MUST be of Christian nature, suitable for presentation in a church service. It need not be original. Finger plays may be used in the 4-5 year-old division. Time limit is 5 minutes.
- There will be points deducted by the judges for use of notes.
- Only one selection is permitted per person in each area of performance.

Dramatization Areas of Performance

- The story, skit, etc. used with puppets or dummy does not have to be the child's original composition, but must be of a Christian nature, suitable for presentation in a church service.
- Time limit is 5 minutes.
- Children who enter the Dramatization area may not enter the Oral Interpretation area of performance.
- Only one selection per person is allowed in the dramatization area: Either puppets or ventriloquism.

Art Area of Performance

- There are two subdivisions of Art: Painting/Drawing with crayons, markers, paints, acrylics, chalk, etc. (chalks should be sprayed with a fixative); and Crafts (macramé, needlecraft, ceramics, knitting, etc.) Molds or kits may be used. Art works do not have to be original.
- It is the responsibility of the children to bring their works of art with them the day of the Talent Festival, and to pick them up after judging.
- The maximum number of entries per child is TWO (2), one in each category. If more than one in each category is present, only the first one encountered by the judges will be adjudicated.
- Art work not picked up after judging will be discarded.
- All entries must have been started after March 2016, less than 1 year old.
- ALL ART NEEDS TO BE PRE-REGISTERED. Display cards will be provided for pre-registered art & craft entries. Entries must be categorized as either ART or CRAFT on registration form.
- Registration form must include the number of entries & the category of the entries for each child.

Speed Stacking Area of Performance

- Performance is judged solely on the basis of time.