

HOALTC Event: Christian Essay

<p>Purpose</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and improve written communication skills in conveying Biblical ideas. Challenge participants to use the written word to communicate God's Word. The writing content, style, and message should reflect a respect for the importance and value of God's Word.
<p>Expectations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches and participants will familiarize themselves with the expectations in the event rubric prior to beginning the project. If any participant needs special consideration, please see page 8 and complete the form by the registration deadline. • Students are registered by age divisions for judging purposes: grades 3 - 6; 7 – 9; or 10 -12. Each participant is allowed only one entry in this event. • Each participant will write an essay expressing his or her opinion or thought about a specific topic related to the theme.
<p>Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The essay must highlight the current year's theme or content from the Bible text covered in the current year. • The essay length should be one to five pages long. • The essay shall be type written, double spaced with 1" margins. Use Arial or New Times Roman font and font size 12. In addition, page numbers must be included. For participants sixth grade or younger, handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented. • The essay will be evaluated on readability, spiritual application, and the use of the English language, including grammar, spelling, and punctuation. • The essay shall start with the title of the essay, followed by the text. There should be an introduction and conclusion, even if short.
<p>Submission Instructions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register each entry no later than the pre-convention event deadline. • Entries will be mailed to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline. • Congregations are encouraged to mail all entries together and send them prior to the pre-convention event deadline to maximize time for the Event Coordinator and Judges. • This event requires submission of 2 complete copies of the entry, including cover sheet. • A cover sheet will be attached to the front of each entry and should include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Category (Christian Essay) ○ Name ○ Grade ○ Congregation Name ○ Congregation City, State ○ Congregation Number ○ Title of Essay

Christian Essay 2018 HOALTC Chosen! 1 Samuel		Event Coordinator's award: Gold Silver Bronze		
		Exemplary	Competent	Developing
Connection to LTC Theme	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme stands out and is strongly supported in essay.	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme is evident and supported by essay.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to strengthen the evidence of theme.	
Introduction and Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction is very inviting and grabs the reader's attention. <input type="checkbox"/> Conclusion is very logical and fitting and completes the essay in a memorable way.	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction is inviting and gains the reader's attention. <input type="checkbox"/> Conclusion is logical and fitting and provides a good closing to the essay.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance the introduction. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to the conclusion.	
Readability	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay is very engaging and enjoyable to read. <input type="checkbox"/> Proper use of personal stories and/or humor, if applicable, which adds to the point of the essay.	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay is engaging and enjoyable to read. <input type="checkbox"/> Use of personal stories and/or humor is appropriate, if used.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to make essay more engaging and enjoyable. <input type="checkbox"/> Use of personal stories and/or humor may not be appropriate or does not add to the essay.	
Writing Substance	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent use of grammar. <input type="checkbox"/> No spelling errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of thoughts is strong and evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimal grammar errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal spelling errors <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of thoughts is evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with grammar errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with spelling errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with organization of thoughts.	
Format and Submission	<input type="checkbox"/> Proper length and page format for submission per rules. (Consider age level.) <input type="checkbox"/> Two copies submitted with complete cover sheets.	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay length and page format mostly proper per rules, considering age level if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Two copies submitted with mostly complete cover sheets.	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay length and/or page format requires attention per rules. <input type="checkbox"/> Submission has missing elements, per rules.	
Spirituality	<input type="checkbox"/> This essay is definitely spiritually encouraging and / or thought provoking.	<input type="checkbox"/> This essay is spiritually encouraging and / or thought provoking.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to make the essay more spiritually encouraging and / or thought provoking.	
Judge's comments:				
Please help us improve this rubric each year by submitting Feedback on the website within 30 days of the end of the convention.				