

## HOALTC Event: Christian Essay

<p><b>Purpose</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expectations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaches and participants should 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. See also pages 9-11 and page 18.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Each participant will write an essay expressing his or her opinion or thought about a specific topic related to the theme.</li> <li>• Footnotes and / or bibliographical information are not required and will <b>not</b> be part of the judging process.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rules</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The essay must highlight the current year's theme or content from the Bible text covered in the current year.</li> <li>• The essay length should be one to five pages long.</li> <li>• The essay shall be type written, double spaced with 1" margins. Use a standard font and font size 10 or 12 for easy readability. In addition, page numbers must be included. For participants sixth grade or younger, handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented.</li> <li>• The essay will be evaluated on readability, spiritual application, and the use of the English language, including grammar, spelling, and punctuation.</li> <li>• The essay shall start with the title of the essay, followed by the text. There should be an introduction and conclusion, even if short.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Submission Instructions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entries should be submitted by the Church Coordinator or coach on or before the pre-convention event deadline: either by mail to the Event Coordinator, or uploaded to the HOALTC Dropbox.</li> <li>• By mail, submit 2 complete copies of the entry, including a cover sheet for each copy. See the EC page at hoaltc.org.</li> <li>• The cover sheet should include the following information:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Category (Christian Essay)</li> <li>○ Name</li> <li>○ Grade</li> <li>○ Congregation Name</li> <li>○ Congregation City, State</li> <li>○ Congregation Number</li> <li>○ Title of Essay</li> </ul> </li> <li>• By Dropbox, upload the entry and the cover sheet in pdf format to the HOALTC Dropbox. The link to the drop box for each church is provided by September for the following convention year. Please contact <a href="mailto:dropbox@hoaltc.org">dropbox@hoaltc.org</a> with Dropbox related questions.</li> </ul>

