

Southeastern Leadership Training for Christ Date: Room: Grade Level: Name: Church:				Christian Essay							
				Award:		Gold	Silver	Bronze			
		Developing			Competent			Exemplary			
• Connection to LTC Theme		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme stands out and is supported in essay ○ Creativity is evident and blends with the ideas of the theme 											
• Introduction		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction is inviting and grabs the reader's attention ○ Theme is clearly introduced 											
• Mood		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Essay is the writer's thoughts and expressions ○ Humor, personal stories, and/or illustrations used enhance the theme 											
• Writing Substance		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of grammar ○ Spelling errors ○ Word Usage ○ Punctuation ○ Thesis statement clearly seen ○ Three to five points in the essay support the main idea ○ The conclusion is supported by the previous material ○ Organization of thoughts is evident 											
• Format & Submission		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proper format for submission per manual 											
• Readability		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Essay is relevant to today ○ Correct use of paragraphs ○ Proofreading is evident ○ Essay is engaging and enjoyable to read 											
Judge's comments:											
<p>Please help us improve this rubric each year by submitting feedback within 30 days after convention.</p>											

Christian Essay

Purpose

Writing has always been an important means of teaching and admonishing Christians. From the time that inspired authors gave instruction until the journals and publications of today, ideas skillfully and clearly presented have made lasting impressions on the hearts and minds of those who wish to put God's will into practice. Christian Essay challenges students to use the written word to communicate God's Word. Their writing content, style, and message should reflect a respect for the importance and value of communicating God's Word in written form.

Grade Levels

There are four grade levels in this event: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12.

Process

- Participants will:

Write an essay that reflects the current year's theme or a passage from the current book(s) of study.

- Include three copies of the essay and email a copy to seltc.office@gmail.com.
- Email should have "Christian Essay" in the subject line.
- The completed Pre-Convention form should be attached to the email as a PDF.
- The essays and other required documentation should be sent to SELTC by the pre-convention deadline. Each essay will be judged and returned, along with judges' sheets, to the students at the convention.

Rules

- Each essay should be 3 to 5 pages.
- The essay should be typewritten, double spaced with standard margins. Handwritten essays (legible and neat) are admissible for students in sixth grade and younger and should be four to six pages.
- The essay should start with the title, followed by the text.
- Each higher-grade level should demonstrate more effective use of the written word.
- Copies of an oratory speech will not be accepted as an essay.
- Each essay should include a cover sheet with the following information:
 - Title of the essay
 - Name and grade of the participant.
 - Name, address and phone number of the congregation of the participant.
 - Congregation LTC Number

Awards

There are 3 ratings available in each grade level – Gold, Silver or Bronze.