

Signing

Name:
Grade:
Congregation:
Event:

Be sure to make comments explaining any scoring: if the work needs improvement, explain why; if the work is good, tell them what you liked about it; if the work is outstanding, say why. Remember, they are ONLY competing against themselves. Please make ALL comments positive and encouraging in nature!!



- **Preparation**
Did the student prepare and pay attention to convention rules?
- **Fingerspelling**
Does the student show clear formation and lack of bouncing?
- **Sign Production**
Are the signs produced clear and accurate?
- **Conceptual Sign Selection**
Does the student capture the meaning of the song visually?
- **Confidence**
Does the student show an appropriate level of confidence?
(consider age and level attempting)
- **Expression**
Does the student's facial expression and body language match the mood of the song?

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As a judge, I feel that this work deserves the following award (circle one):

Bronze Silver Gold

"Theme Verse" - Book Chapter:Verse

Other explanatory and encouraging comments:

Final rating to be given by the event coordinator is to be indicated below this line.

Signing for the Deaf

Purpose

To develop the ability to communicate with the deaf and hard of hearing and thus glorify God and his church.

Grade Levels

There are five grade levels in this event: K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12.

Process

- Ensure participants get a current copy of the event rules.
- Ensure participants select, register, and prepare for Signing Level 1, Signing Level 2, **or** Signing Level 3.

Rules

- Each first time participant and participants in grades K-2 must participate in Signing Level 1.
- Each participant in grades 3 - 12 can participate in either Signing Level 1, Signing Level 2, or Signing Level 3.
- The Convention Event Coordinator will provide the recording to be used during the convention. No other recordings may be used.
- Another person cannot give signs or coaching instructions while participant is signing.
- A solid color blouse/shirt/dress contrasting with skin tone should be worn while signing.
- All participants must meet in their assigned room ten minutes prior to their scheduled time. The participants are allowed to watch and encourage each other.
- Spectators may enter or exit the room at designated times between performances.
- All participants will be pre-registered by their churches, and placed in a specific room. If a participant's name is not on the list or other changes need to be made, see the event coordinator for resolution.

Signing Levels

Signing Level 1-

- Participants will fingerspell first and last name.
- Participants will fingerspell or sign the title of the song selection.
- Participants will learn and sign one song choice.
- Example script: "Hello, my name is _____. I will be signing (fingerspell OR sign the name of your choice song)."

Signing Level 2

- Participants will fingerspell first and last name.
- Participants will fingerspell or sign the title of one song selection.
- Participants will learn and sign one song choice.
- Participants will learn and sign the Bible verse.

Signing Level 3

- Participants will learn all three songs.
- Participants will fingerspell first and last name.
- Participants will perform one song of their choosing (fingerspell or sign the name of your choice song).
- Judges will notify participants which song has been selected from remaining two songs.
- Participants will fingerspell or sign the title of the second song selection.
Once the judges have announced the selection, no changes will be made in the selection.
- Participants will learn and sign the Bible verse.
- Order of Level 3 parts in event: Choice song, Judges' choice song, Bible verse.

Definition of Major Sign Language Systems

American Sign Language (ASL) is the language of the Deaf community. ASL “paints a picture” through the use of conceptual signs. Signs are chosen based on meaning and not necessarily the English word. ASL syntax (topic/comment) and grammar are used to convey meaning of an English expression. Some features of ASL include classifiers, directionality, placement and facial expressions.

Contact Signing (formerly known as Pidgin) combines the grammatical structure of English and the conceptual signs of American Sign Language. It is similar to spoken English with few syntactical changes.

Signing Exact English (SEE II) signs follow English word order and are literally a word for word representation of the English sentence. Many initialized signs are used as well as verbs, articles, word endings, prefixes, suffixes, etc.

Example

English: “I like to go to the movies.”

ASL: “movie me like go”

Contact Signing: “me like go movie”

SEE II: “I like to go to the movies”

*There is often much confusion when it comes to which sign language system to use when signing songs. You do not have to identify which sign language system you will use on the registration form. As you begin to prepare for this event, it is important to think of the meaning of the song, and not necessarily the exact English words. Therefore, we recommend that you use ASL or Contact Signing.

Awards

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

If the signing coach has any questions about the signing event, please contact the Convention Event Coordinator: Kristy Jacks (kristyjacks@gmail.com)