

# SHARE YOUR TALENTS

## TALENTS FOR CHRIST 2012

**What is it?** Share Your Talent is an opportunity for young people in grades 6 through 12 to share their talents (abilities, skills, gifts) with youth and adults from other Baptist churches in front of a panel of judges who will evaluate, suggest improvement and grade their talents. Share Your Talent is an expanded and developing program of the Empire State Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches built upon and in cooperation of the well established National GARBC Talents for Christ Contest.

**Where and When is it?** Share Your Talent will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from approximately 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Ithaca. A map can be downloaded. Click the link at the left on the [Share Your Talents Website](#) or [click here](#).

**Why be involved?** It will be fun, it will help you to develop your talent/ability and build confidence, you will bless others as you minister, meet new friends and be challenged. Some challenges in life are worth attempting - especially when they involve serving Christ. Sharing Your Talent helps you to prepare and to gain skill for serving the Lord. For those who enter the scholarship category, they have the potential of qualifying for college scholarships on the state and national level.

**What kind of talent can be shared?** About every talent a young person has or is working to develop. Young people in grades 9-12 desiring to be in the **scholarship** category could enter one of these: Bible Knowledge, Brass, Female Public Speaking, Female Voice, Male Voice, Oral Interpretation of Scripture, Piano, preaching, Strings, Visualized Bible Teaching, Woodwinds, and Writing. IF you are not interested in a college scholarship or in grades 6-12, you can share your talent in the "open" (non-scholarship) category which includes all of the above plus art and digital media.

**Will groups be allowed to share?** There are small and large vocal ensembles, Duets, puppet teams, and drama teams. If your youth group is small, you can join with another church.

**What if I have a talent that doesn't fit in one of the above categories?** You should plan to share your talent in the category that is called "Variety Hour." This is a wide-open category that will include such instruments as guitar, xylophone, marimba, organ, key board, harp, harmonica, banjo, hand bells, etc. or reciting a poem, yodeling, impersonations, etc. IF you have a unique talent and are wondering IF you could share it, call the chairman to see if it qualifies.

**What does it cost to be involved?** When you decide to enter the Scholarship category or decide to go on to the Nationals in the non-scholarship, there is NO registration fee. It is free to every young person. During the day on April 21<sup>st</sup>, the church will provide a lunch for those who desire it at a very reasonable price.

**How do I sign up?** It's simple. You and your friends at church need to fill out an entry form and mail it no later than March 4<sup>th</sup>. You can go to our website [www.esfrbc.org](http://www.esfrbc.org) click on the TFC link and you'll be able to navigate to the entry form download. Begin to practice on your talent so you can do your very best, but remember no one is expecting you to be perfect. Give it your best, and see how God will use your talent for His glory. Plan to "Share Your Talent" on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### General Information:

Date - Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 approximately 9:30 A. M. to approximately 3:30 P. M.

### Schedule:

8:00 A.M. Church instruments are available for practice. Be courteous and allow other contestants equal time. There will be a few warm-up rooms available throughout the day. They will have sign-up sheets on their doors.

8:30 A.M. Registration begins. Purchase meal tickets by 10:00 a.m.

8:30 A.M. Judges and monitors meeting

9:00 A.M. General Session - ALL contestants will meet in the auditorium.

9:20 A.M. Category Briefing - All contestants will meet in judging areas for specific procedure instructions.

9:30 A.M. Competition begins

11:30 A.M. -  
- 1:15 P.M. Lunch – There may be a lunch available to eat at the church. If so, meal tickets will be made available for a reasonable cost.

1:30 P.M. Ministry Session

2:15 P.M. Award Ceremony

3:30 P.M. Depart for home.

#### Divisions:

There are two: Senior High - grades 9 - 10 - 11 - 12

Junior High - grades 6 - 7 - 8

Areas: The Senior High Division has two areas of competition.

Area 1- GARBC Competition/Scholarship

You must intend to enroll in a participating college your freshman year should you become a winner. All scholarship awards are provided by these colleges only. First place winners in our State will be expected to compete in the Nationals Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Teens who compete on this level must agree to all the specific rules listed in the GARBC rulebook. One will be sent to each contestant when he or she registers with the National Talents for Christ office (deadline - March 6th).

Area 2 - Open Competition/ Non-Scholarship

This area is for young people who are not trying to win a scholarship to a participating college. For continuity in quality of competition, the contestant must comply with all the rules of the GARBC with the exception that their church does not have to be in the National GARBC. GARBC rules are available for download at [www.garbcctfc.org](http://www.garbcctfc.org) or can be sent by the Empire State Fellowship Talents Chairman. (Registration deadline is March 4<sup>th</sup>.)

National **Open** and **Group** Competition Registration Deadline: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Cost for Open Competition: \$30.00

Cost for Group Competition: \$75.00 / group

#### Dress:

The dignity and responsibility of public ministry for the Lord should be reflected in neat, modest, unostentatious dress. Appropriate attire is required for competition: i.e., dress shirt, tie and suit or jacket for guys, dress (or skirt and blouse) for girls. Failure to adhere to these standards will result in a penalty in scoring. (See exceptions under Drama and Vocal Ensemble.)

#### Categories:

There are many categories of competition. Teens may enter only ONE. There is an exception to this if you are a member of a drama team or vocal ensemble. Then you may enter one other individual category. The categories with the asterisk are the only ones available in Division 1 - Area 1: The GARBC competition.

## **Scholarship Competitions**

- \* Bible Knowledge
- \* Brass
- \* Female Public Speaking
- \* Female Voice
- \* Male Voice
- \* Oral Interpretation of Scripture
- \* Piano
- \* Preaching
- \* Strings
- \* Visualized Bible Teaching
- \* Woodwinds
- \* Writing

## **Open (Non-Scholarship) Individual Categories**

- Art
- Bible Knowledge
- Brass
- Digital Media
- Female Public Speaking
- Female Voice
- Male Voice
- Oral Interpretation of Scripture
- Piano
- Preaching
- Strings
- Visualized Bible Teaching
- Woodwinds
- Writing

## **Open (Non-Scholarship) Group Competitions**

- Vocal Duet
- Instrumental Ensemble
- Small Vocal Ensemble
- Large Vocal Ensemble

Puppet Team

Drama Team

Awards:

All contestants receive the benefits of self-discipline, research, practice, mentoring relationships, prayer support and local church backing as they develop their talents for Christ.

Senior High Division:

Area 1 - GARBC Competition/Scholarship

All first-place winners will receive a trophy and a scholarship to a participating college. All cooperating colleges offer a tuition scholarship of \$1,000 during the freshmen year to State first-place winners. First place winners automatically qualify to compete in the National Talents for Christ Contest which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as part of the GARBC Conference on June 26th. National first-place winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship to the cooperating school of their choice in addition to what they win at State level. This scholarship will be credited in accordance with the college policy. While no definite time limit is attached to the tuition awards, it is recommended that the winners use the scholarships as soon as possible.

Participating schools are Baptist Bible College (PA), Faith Baptist Bible College (IA), Piedmont Baptist College (NC), and Shasta Bible College (CA).

All second-place winners will receive a trophy and a scholarship to a participating college. All cooperating colleges offer a tuition scholarship of \$500 during the freshmen year to State second-place winners. State second-place winners may enter the Nationals as well. (Consult your judges as to whether you are of sufficient caliber to make this a wise expenditure of time, money and effort). Second-place winners in the National will receive a \$2,500 credit to their account in accordance with the college policy.

All third-place winners will receive a medallion.

Area 2 - Open Competition/Non-Scholarship

All first-place and second-place winners will receive trophies. All third-place winners will receive a medallion.

Junior High Division:

All first, second and third-place winners will receive medallions.

Registration:

Senior High - GARBC must mail the form on page 18 entitled, "Use this form to enter the GARBC Scholarship Competition" to Schaumburg, IL. with the \$65 fee by March 6<sup>th</sup> or register online at [www.garbctfc.org](http://www.garbctfc.org). You do NOT need to register with the State Chairman. Mail the GARB registration to Talents for Christ, 1300 N. Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL. 60173-4806.

Use the State Registration Form that you can download from the Empire State website [www.esfrc.org](http://www.esfrc.org) for Senior High – Open and Junior High State registrations. Feel free to make extra copies. You can also register online for the State Competition. There is no fee to register for the State competition. Every contestant must mail in the proper official registration entry form NO later than March 6<sup>th</sup> (postmarked) for Senior High - GARBC, or March 4<sup>th</sup> (all others). The state registration entry form can be mailed or faxed to: Rev. Mike Briggs 11651 Bullis Road Marilla, NY 14102 – 716-657-7966

ATTENTION: Senior High students competing in Area 1 – GARBC Competition should enter online or mail the GARBC registration entry form with the \$65 fee (payable to “GARBC/TFC) no later than **March 6<sup>th</sup>** to Talents For Christ, 1300 North Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4806. TFC office will notify the State Chairman of those properly registered.

NOTE: Competitors in Senior High ~ Area 1 (GARBC Competition) cannot be official State winners for scholarships unless they are registered with the GARBC Office. Officially entered first- and second-place winners in New York State will automatically qualify to advance to the Nationals after our TFC State chairman sends the results of our State competition to the GARBC Office.

Registration forms **MUST** be signed by your pastor (or deacon if without a pastor). Each contestant when registering will receive a confirmation letter and final instructions from the State Talents For Christ Chairman. When registered each competitor will receive rules for their category.

Group competitors should send in a registration form for each member of the team.

If you find you cannot compete after you have already registered, it would be courtesy and help if the State TFC Chairman were informed.

### **Judging:**

It is our policy to award first place in all categories, especially to Junior High and Senior High - Open contestants. However, a first and/or second place winner need not be declared if contestants are not of sufficiently high caliber. The decision of the judges is final. Judges for each category will be chosen from our churches who have known expertise in the areas they will judge. Each adjudication area shall be rated and a final score given to each contestant. The winner is based solely on total points. In case of a tie, the majority vote of the three judges will determine the winner.

You can see an example of the judging sheets to be used in the “rules” section on the Share Your Talents – TFC website.