

IFCA INTERNATIONAL • YOUTH CONVENTION

# NATIONAL INSPIRATIONAL WRITING MINISTRY TRAINING AREA (MTA)

## *Rules & Guidelines*

➤ **PURPOSE**

To encourage students who are gifted in writing to exercise that gift in the Church.

➤ **RULES**

1. All entries should consist of Biblically based material or Christian principles.
2. The Junior High Division shall be limited to students having completed grades 7-9, and the Senior High Division to those having completed grades 10-12.
3. All entrants must provide three copies of their written submission, along with three (3) evaluation forms at the MTA registration table on the first day of the convention Please DO NOT SEND your materials prior to the convention.
4. If another person's work is used, you must cite them as sources, in no way will plagiarism be tolerated.
5. Entrees may consist of gospel tracts, Devotional [at least a week's worth], Christian inspirational poetry (2,000 words or less), Christmas or Easter programs, narrative prose (4,000 words or less) Drama scripts, puppetry scripts, Christian article for publication in a newsletter.
6. The same presentation must be used throughout the Regional and National Ministry Training Area.

***Because of the nature of this MTA event, not all regionals will have the resources to evaluate these entries. Please contact the MTA Coordinator (see below) if you wish to participate in this MTA but your regional does not yet support this MTA***

***SPECIAL NOTE:*** *Regarding this MTA. We reserve the right to use, publish and/or distribute the works presented as promotional, or inspirational material within the IFCA youth ministry. This exposure may include but is not limited to: The Voice Magazine, "Youthline" e-mail publication, or distribution on our youth website.*

## EVALUATION

1. A panel of 3 persons will evaluate each entry. There are 6 categories of evaluation on the Inspirational Writing Ministry Training Area Evaluation form. Each evaluator will assign a division 1, division 2 or division 3 rating for each category. Overall score will be calculated by taking an average of the scores awarded from all 3 evaluators.

| <b>Final Division Rating</b> | <b>Average Score</b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Division 1                   | 1.0 – 1.5            |
| Division 2                   | 1.6 – 2.4            |
| Division 3                   | 2.5 – 3.0            |

*Note: The National Ministry Training Area evaluators are advised to consider the age and experience of the entrant in the evaluation process and score accordingly.*

2. An introduction must be written on a cover page stating the entrant's full name, title of presentation and short description of what it is, their home church they are representing and the regional they are representing.

### ➤ HINTS

1. Be creative, but above all be biblical, have your pastor or youth pastor check what you write for scriptural accuracy.
2. Make sure that what you are writing, no matter what it is, can be used in your local church setting, either in a normal weekly service, or a special program or in tract form. This is the thrust of every MTA and must be the focus here as well.

### ➤ SCHOLARSHIPS

There are currently no scholarships being awarded for this MTA.

**Questions? Contact:**

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