

# RSC Early Entries

## General Guidelines

### ENTRIES

What entries will be virtual Early Entries?

Essay Writing	Photography
Poetry Writing	Mono. Scenic
Short Story Writing	Mono. Plants and Animals (compete together)
Website Design	Mono. Character Trait
Linear PowerPoint	Color Scenic
Nonlinear PowerPoint	Color Special Effects
Music Composition	Color Character Trait
Music Arranging	Color Animals
Radio Program	Color Plants
Scripture Video	Color Computer Photo Enhancement
A.C.E. Character Trait Video	

All Early Entry participations will be uploaded to a Google Drive in order to be then distributed to judges and scored. Unless otherwise specified, entries will be uploaded in one of five ways: PDF, PowerPoint, audio, image, or video. Specifics of each are as follows:

1. PDF- Any typed work (cover pages, scripts, outlines, sheet music, essays, poems, short stories, etc.) must be saved in PDF format in order to prevent any alteration to the participation.
2. PowerPoint- For Linear and Non-linear PowerPoint entries, all must be saved as .pptx (PowerPoint 2016). This should allow all judges to view all entries. Special fonts or audio files used within the program should also be uploaded.
3. Audio- Audio files should be able to open on any regular computer program. Preferred audio files would be MP3 or WAV
4. Image- All photography will be uploaded directly as the image taken. Format should be JPEG. Any Affidavit or hand written work (such as Music Composition) should either be scanned or photographed (MUST be entirely legible) and uploaded as a JPEG or PDF.
5. Video- Similar to audio files, videos should be able to open on any regular computer program. Videos can be submitted as MP4, MOV, AVI, or WMV.

### Google Drive

The process and details of uploading participations are as follows:

1. Schools will each have an exclusive folder within the Google Drive. Within this folder, there will be a folder for each event (Essay Writing, Phot. Color Scenic, etc.) in which any of your students is participating. These folders are created based on the Registration Program. Please make sure

you have entered the correct events for the correct students in the program in order to avoid miscommunication.

2. Schools can upload at any time ALL files related to a student's entry. Deadline for uploading entries is **set within each region and will be announced accordingly**. All access to files in the cloud will then be blocked and there will be no more accepting of entries. Please contact your convention coordinator if you have any questions about deadlines.
3. The specific guidelines to each event will determine all the files required for the entry. Please pay close attention to these. **NOTE: SCHOOLS WILL NOT UPLOAD ANY JUDGE'S FORMS**. This allows for less confusion and hassle.
4. All files associated to a student's entry must be correctly named in order to adequately identify them. All files should be named with the student's name, event, and title of piece. The following example might be useful to illustrate. Ace Virtueson will be participating with a Short Story Writing, so he will need to upload a PDF of his short story with named *Ace Virtueson, Short Story Writing, The Rusty Nail*. In the case that the participation doesn't have a title, you will only require student name and event (i.e. *Ace Virtueson, Phot. Color Scenic* or *Ace Virtueson, PPT Non-Linear*). **NOTE:** In case multiple files of the same format are used (two or three PDFs or JPEGs), add a number at the end.
5. Once files have been distributed, A.C.E. staff will instruct judges to access Google Drive and begin judging the entries that they are responsible for. Judges will be using a single Judges' Form to judge all entries and then record the total score of each student in a spreadsheet provided by A.C.E. Staff.

## APPEARANCE

Students and any other subjects within the Early Entry participations are expected to comply with the A.C.E. Student Convention dress code. Anyone appearing in a photograph or a video should be dressed accordingly. Please try to avoid background subjects who wouldn't be in dress code.

### MALE

Male subjects must have a neat, trim, conservative haircut. The hair is to be tapered or blocked and is to be off the collar. It is to be above the ears, with sideburns no longer than the middle of the ears. Dying or coloring the tips of the hair is not allowed. No braided or spiked hairstyles. For boys with curly hair or afros, the cut needs to be short, not to exceed one inch in length. No facial hair is permitted on contestants.

Button shirts with collars and long conservative trousers are the appropriate attire for Convention. Belts must be worn with trousers that have belt loops. Denim jeans, cargo pants (pockets sewn to the outside), bicycle shorts, swimsuits, or fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be permitted. Sandals are not allowed. Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes only.

For participating in music events and platform events where costumes are not worn, each male contestant is to wear a button shirt with collar (shirt tucked in), sports coat, dress pants or suit, dress shoes, and tie, or school uniforms that meet the Convention standards. Clothing should be clean and neatly pressed; shoes should be shined. Exceptions: Mennonites, Amish, Dunkard Brethren, and other groups that wear their traditional distinctive clothing.

## **FEMALE**

An image of Christian discretion and modesty is to be portrayed. All female subjects must wear dresses or skirts (which are no shorter than the bottom of the knee, standing or sitting). Slits must be no higher than the bottom of the knee. Dresses and blouses must come to the neckline in front (to the clavicle bone) and back (to the bottom of the neck), without see-through material. TIGHT, FORM-FITTING ATTIRE and fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be allowed. Midriffs must be covered at all times in all positions. Denim, cargo, stone-washed clothing, T-shirts, slacks, shorts, swimsuits, bicycle shorts, V-neck, or sleeveless dresses or blouses will not be allowed. Conservative, natural-colored hosiery and dress shoes must be worn to all rallies and while competing in nonathletic events. Sandals are NOT allowed— shoes must have a closed toe and closed heel. Makeup and jewelry should be conservative and minimal— only one earring (smaller than a dime in size) per ear, in the earlobe. No other body piercings are allowed.