

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD
NATIONAL YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP DEPARTMENT
JAMAICA

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UNIT & NATIONAL TEENS MINISTRY



National Bible Essay Competition 2022

National Ministry Leaders: Rev. Stanley Ivey & Monroe Wisdom



COMPETITION TIME!



Description

The Bible Essay Competition provides teenagers, between the ages 13 -18, with the opportunity to give their view in a creative way through writing. This year's essays will be based on Psalms, which was the focus for the teens during bible reading month. The chapters were between 1 – 100. The following is the structure of the competition for this year.

Format:

Local and District Run Offs – The essays should be written and submitted at a local church level, where the local youth director, along with the local youth board, would receive, read, and judge the local essays. The essays that have scored 85 and above or the top essay should then be submitted to the district youth leadership where the same process of receiving, reading and adjudication take place.

Parish Run Offs - After judging the finalists with scores above 85 or top essay should be submitted to the parish coordinator where the process is repeated as with the district and local.

National Finals - At the end of parish finals, the final essays should be submitted to the National Christian Education Unit through the National Youth and Discipleship Department which is housed at the National Administrative Office. Email address – newtestamentyouths@ntcogjamaica.org. The finalist's essays will be read and judged, and the winners determined from the entries given from each parish.

Dates:

Submission of the essays should be completed by the following timelines:

1. Local & District Run Offs – May 27, 2022
2. Parish Run Offs – June 3, 2022
3. National Finals – June 13, 2022

Marking Schedule for Submissions:

1. Local & District Run Offs – May 30 – June 3, 2022
2. Parish Run Offs – June 6 – 10, 2022
3. National Finals – June 13 – 24, 2022

Adjudicators Panel:

Each parish should have a panel of markers for the essays. Each panel of markers is being encouraged to have personnel who have expertise in the following areas: English Language, Theology and Youth (Teens) Ministry. A markers panel of no less than four (4) persons are suggested for each parish. A short summary on each marker is required to ensure panel is adequately suited to mark the essays.

Rubric For Marking:

The following areas are going to be judged during the reading of the essays:

Psalm Information:

Authorship	2 marks
Background of Psalm	4 marks
Type of Psalm	2 marks
Intended Audience of the Psalm	2 marks
Total for this section	10 marks

Meaning of the Psalm 20 marks

Reflection on and Application of Psalm 40 marks

Grammar 10 marks

Creativity 10 marks

Originality 10 marks

Rules:

1. The writer of the essay must be a teen between the ages of 13 – 18 years.
2. The teen must be the one to write the essay with no outside assistance with its formulation.
3. Each teen can only enter one essay
4. The essay must be on a Psalm between Psalm 1 – Psalm 100.
5. Late submissions will not be accepted
6. The essay must be between 450 – 500 words in length.
7. The essay must be typed and formatted with Times New Roman Font and double spaced
8. A cover page should accompany the Essay with the author's name and church.

Results and Prizes

The individual results of the finalists will be given to them with a summary of the feedback and placement. This will take place after marking has taken place. The prizes are as follows:

First place – Laptop, personalized trophy and Teen Bible

First Runner – Tablet, personalized trophy and Teen Bible

Second Runner Up – Cell Phone, personalized trophy and a Teen Bible

All other finalists – Certificate and Teen Bible

*All prizes will be presented at the Annual National Convention 2022 on **Youth Day**,
Saturday, July 9, 2022.*

As you prepare for the competition, please don't hesitate to contact our National Christian Education Unit Director, **Rev. Stanley Ivey** at 876-393-3563 or our National Teens Ministry Director, **Monroe Wisdom** at 876-887-1904 and our National Office at: 876-927-3712; 876-927-7767 if you need additional information on the competition and any of our activities.

Indeed, we will continue to work together in building the Kingdom of God.

God bless you all and your church families.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Kevin A. Page

National Director of Youth and Discipleship

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