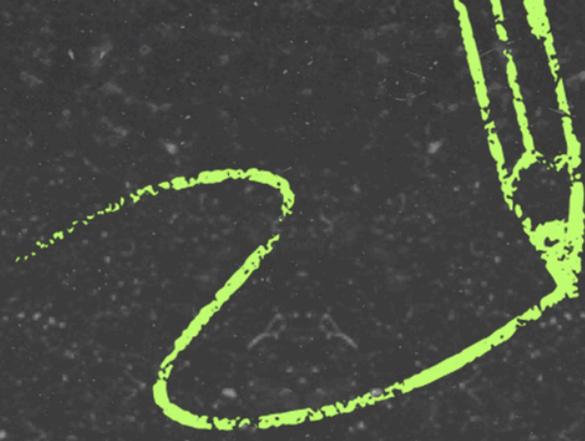


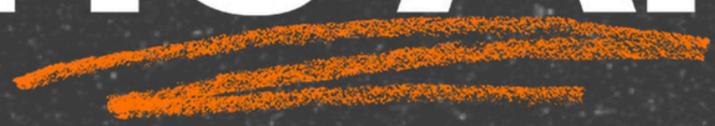
Fine Arts **&** **Youth** **Convention**

Parent Handbook



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR EDDIE ABOUT FINE ARTS

I'm passionate about Fine Arts and the incredible impact it has on students. My love for Fine Arts comes from personal experience—I'm a product of it. The skills I've developed and the confidence I have today are thanks to mentors like my youth pastor, constructive feedback from Fine Arts judges, and the support of friends who inspired me to always improve. Through Fine Arts, I became a better public speaker, learned to recognize and refine my unique gifts, and built lifelong friendships along the way.

My commitment to your student(s) is to help them discover, develop, & develop their talents in ways that prepare them for the real world. For students in performing categories, I'm dedicated to providing encouragement and critiques that will help them grow long-term. For those in non-performing categories, I'll challenge them to think creatively and push the boundaries of their potential.

I encourage you to support your student(s) in stepping out of their comfort zone—every small step they take now could be a giant leap for their future. My hope and prayer are that each student will gain as much from Fine Arts as I have, building confidence, skills, and friendships that will last a lifetime.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR EDDIE ABOUT YOUTH CONVENTION

Imagine a service designed specifically for students—now picture that service with 2,000 students passionately pursuing God. That’s what Youth Convention is all about: creating a space for students to step away from the distractions of the world and focus on their relationship with God. Just thinking about it gets me emotional. During my time as a youth pastor, I’ve witnessed lives transformed, students finding salvation, and addictions being surrendered at the feet of Jesus—all at Youth Convention. Even if your student isn’t participating in Fine Arts, I strongly encourage them to attend. Last year was filled with unforgettable memories and incredible moments where God moved powerfully in students’ lives.



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About

DISCOVER

Help students figure out a talent or skill that they may have. Or find a new passion that they never thought of before.

DEVELOP

Work with students to develop their skillsets. Practices, constructive critiques, and community work through.

DEPLOY

Deploying the skills they have in the real world. Could be Sunday at church, or someone becoming an art teacher because of skills they developed.



List of CATEGORIES **pt 1**



Performing:

COMMUNICATION DIVISION:

Graphic Design
Photography, Digital Camera, Jr & Sr.
Photography, Film
Photography, Mobile Device, Jr & Sr.
T-Shirt Design
Visual Art, 3D
Visual Art, 2D, Alternative Media
Visual Art, 2D, Painting and Drawing, Jr & Sr.
Puppetry Group & Solo
Short Sermon, Jr & Sr.
Short Sermon, Spanish Spoken Word

DANCE DIVISION

Step Troupe
Hip Hop Solo
Hip Hop Dance Crew
Worship Dance Solo, Jr & Sr.
Worship Dance Troupe, Large & Small

DRAMA DIVISION

Drama Ensemble, Large & Small & Solo
Dramatized Quoting, Solo & Ensemble
Human Video Ensemble, Large & Small & Spanish
Human Video Solo, Jr & Sr.
Musical Theater, Ensemble, Small & Large
Musical Theater, Solo, Jr & Sr.
Readers Theater
StandUp Comedy

Non-Performing:

ART DIVISION:

Graphic Design
Photography, Digital Camera, Jr & Sr.
Photography, Film
Photography, Mobile Device, Jr & Sr.
T-Shirt Design
Visual Art, 3D
Visual Art, 2D, Alternative Media
Visual Art, 2D, Painting and Drawing, Jr & Sr.
Short Film
Fiber Art
Music Production

WRITING DIVISION:

Book Chapter, Jr & Sr.
Children's Literature
First Person Essay, Jr & Sr.
Flash Fiction
Mini Saga
Poetry, Jr & Sr.



List of CATEGORIES **pt 2**



Performing:

INSTRUMENT DIVISION:

Bass Solo
Brass Solo
Guitar Solo
Instrumental Ensemble, Contemporary
Instrumental Ensemble, Traditional
Instrumental Solo, Folk
Percussion Ensemble, Traditional
Percussion Solo, Traditional, Jr & Sr.
Percussion, Unconventional
Piano Solo, Jr & Sr.
Piano Solo, Classical
String Solo
Woodwind Solo

VOCAL DIVISION:

Choir
Christian Band
Rap Group & Solo
Songwriting
Vocal Ensemble, Large & Small & Spanish
Vocal Solo, Classical, Sr.
Vocal Solo, Female, Jr & Sr.
Vocal Solo, Male, Jr & Sr.
Vocal Solo, Spanish Male & Female
Worship Leading, Solo, Jr & Sr.
Worship Team, Large & Small

Rules:



Honestly, there are a lot of rules for different categories. Here are some basic ones but please scan the QR code for the list of all the rules. Any questions please contact P.E.

Basic Rules:

Most performance categories need to be:

Under 5 minutes

Memorized

Not vulgar

Original work(This is for communication & dance division)

Most non-performance categories need to be:

Original

Mounted to a Matte Board(Please scan the rules QR code for more info)

All Art pieces need to be on a individual board(no multi piece selections to be considered as one)

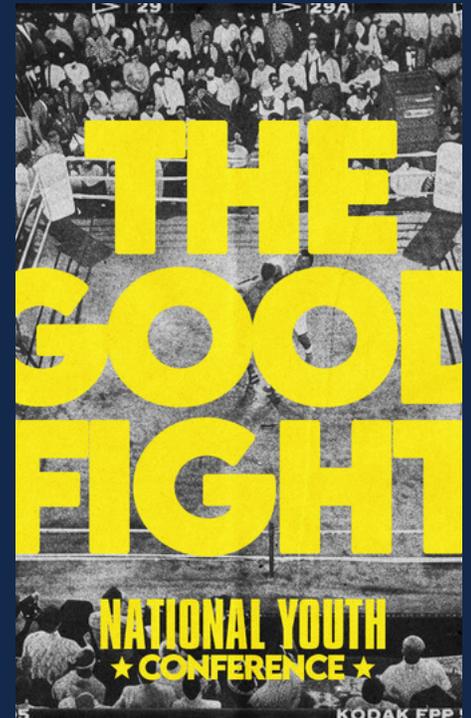
DATES TO KNOW



Fine Arts Districts
Feb 7
Hartford CT



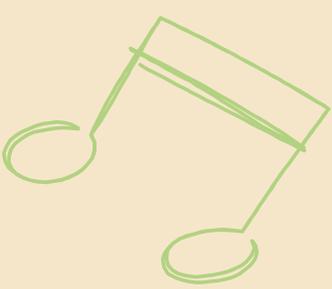
Youth Convention
Feb 7-Feb 8
Hartford CT



Fine Arts Nationals
Aug 4-8(Plus travel)
Orlando FL

Registration:

Registration deadline for Fine Arts is Jan 7th. This means your student needs to tell Pastor Eddie by Jan 5th what categories your student is participating in. Pastor Eddie will then register every student individually under Celebration International Church. Pastor Eddie will require you to fill out forms with personal data but he will take care of registration.



The fun topic **PRICE**

Note from P.E.: I have tried to make prices as cheap as possible. Which is hard to do in today's day and age. Please keep in mind that students will need to bring money for three meals—typically lunch on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Additionally, merch is usually available for purchase, so students who wish to buy merch should bring extra funds. If your student needs financial assistance or if you'd like to sponsor a student, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Youth Convention: Without Fine Arts **\$164 Per Student**

This includes Youth Convention registration, hotel for 1 night, gas for the van, and 1 meal.

Fine Arts: **\$219 Per Student**

This includes Youth Convention registration, 1 Fine Arts category, hotel for 1 night, gas for the van, and 1 meal.

Each additional category is \$15

I.E: If a student does 3 categories the total price would be \$249

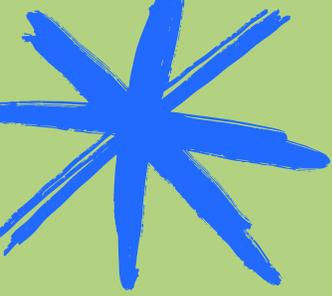


Parent Cost:

Parents are more than welcome to attend and watch their students' performances, and there is no cost to do so.

A Note from P.E.: I encourage parents to allow their students to attend Youth Convention without parental supervision. Rest assured, we have an incredible team of leaders who will be with your students at all times, ensuring their safety and well-being. However, in specific circumstances where parents are encouraged to attend, the cost for parents would be \$60.

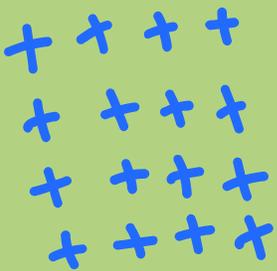




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Thank you for allowing me to pour into your students!

