

Signing for the Deaf

PURPOSE:

To encourage students to develop the ability to interpret so that they can minister to and develop relationships with the hearing-impaired, as well as provide various services to the hearing-impaired to the glory of God and His church. This event takes place at the convention and is a very special event. Questions? Contact us and we'll connect you with the Event Coordinator.

PROCESS:

Each participant will:

- Prepare for signing, and does so for the appropriate experience level.
- Be certain that they are registered for this event no later than the registration deadline.
- Notify event coordinator at least 2 weeks before the convention if interpreting services are needed (if participant is hearing-impaired). This is in addition to the regular registration process. (The church coordinator can notify the event coordinator for this.)
- NOTE: It is very important that the participant is certain that critical information is sent to the event coordinator at least two weeks before the convention. Fill out the addition required Signing form: USE the online signing form to make your selection. <https://forms.gle/fTfsbTJeugS2v84c7>

The Church Coordinator will:

- Be certain to provide an adult volunteer to evaluate or help with this event, if possible. Send their name and phone number to the event coordinator no later than 3 weeks prior to the convention. Additional volunteers will be greatly appreciated.
- Make sure the participant made their selection using the ONLINE Signing Form by challenge deadline. USE the online signing form to make your selection by challenge deadline <https://forms.gle/fTfsbTJeugS2v84c7>

The Event Coordinator will:

- Be certain that participants have been assigned to event rooms.
- Provide the recordings to be used during the convention.
- Provide adult volunteers to serve as “room emcee” for each event room. MWLTC organizers will assist you to determine how many emcees are needed.
- Conduct an evaluator meeting before the event.
- Report results and provide critique sheets to the Awards Committee.
- Provide qualified evaluators for the Signing and Interpreting events

GENERAL GUIDELINES Participant Eligibility

- Any registered student in grades 3-12 can participate in this event. Students will be evaluated according to their grade level. Preparation
- A video of a person signing all the selections will be prepared and made available early in the year for students to use in their preparation and practice for this event. This video is intended for those students who do not have the opportunity to learn from an adult with signing experience.

General Guidelines

- Experience Levels: Signing portions of this event have Level 1, intended for beginners, and Level 2 for those with more intermediate or advanced experience with signing. Each student can choose which level they'd like to participate in. (See specific guidelines for each level below) Information Needed, In Addition to Normal Registration Process (at least 2 weeks prior)
- Each participating student and/or church coordinator is responsible for sending the following information to the event coordinator at least 2 weeks before the convention.
 - Student Information: Name, grade level, home congregation The student's experience level (Level 1 or Level 2) Are interpreting services needed (if the participant is hearing-impaired)? During the Event
- Order of Performance: A list will be posted outside the signing/interpreting room with the order in which each student will participate. If a participant's name is not on the list, please go to LTC Central or the event coordinator for resolution. All students must gather in front of their assigned performance room at least 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time. Each student will be called in at the appropriate time.
- Participant Appearance: A solid color blouse/shirt/dress contrasting with skin tone shall be worn during signing. Current LTC shirt may also be worn.
- Spectators: Spectators may not enter or leave the room while a participant is signing.
- A participant will be disqualified if another person gives any signs while he/she is signing.

Specific Guidelines for Signing for the Deaf Experience Levels & Selections

Level 1: Participant will sign one song or one scripture of their choice from the "Level 1" list below:

Level 2: Participant will sign one song and one scripture of their choice from “Level 2” list below:

Information Needed, In Addition to Normal Registration Process (at least 2 weeks prior) USE the online signing form to make your selection by challenge deadline. <https://forms.gle/fTfsbTJeugS2v84c7>

During the Event

- The Selection: The event coordinator will provide a recording of the selection at convention. (See previous section for list of selections and how they are chosen.) No other recordings may be used. No advance copies of the recordings will be distributed. Words will not be provided. Failure to sign the announced selection will result in a maximum of a Bronze award.
- Version: The participant must ensure the song and scripture selections that he/she signs match the versions indicated in the sections above. Failure to comply with this will reduce the maximum award to bronze.
- Introduction: The participant will fingerspell his/her name and sign the selection he/she will be signing. Participants should mouth the words, but should not speak once the evaluators have given the okay to begin.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: (last page) Additional required signing form:

<https://forms.gle/fTfsbTJeugS2v84c7>

Level 1: Red ONLY

Level 2: Red and Blue

As for Me and My House

I'm done

Building my own kingdom

No more

Seeking worthless idols

Like sheep we have all gone astray

We must choose this day

Whom we will serve

As for me and my house

We will serve the Lord

We will serve the Lord

Idols raised, tear them down

Cause we will serve the Lord

We will serve the Lord

To one king we bow down

As for me and my house

We will only serve the Lord

I'm done
With powerless religion
No more
Living in deception
Like sheep we have all gone astray
We must choose this day
Whom we will serve
As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord
We will serve the Lord
Idols raised, tear them down
We will serve the Lord
We will serve the Lord
To one king we bow down
As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord

We will cross over Jordan
We will claim what you promised
We will cross over Jordan
We will claim what you promised
As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord
We will serve the Lord
Idols raised, tear them down
Cause we will serve the Lord
We will serve the Lord
We will not give our hearts to another
Will not give our hearts to another
We belong to the Lord
We will not give our hearts to another
Will not give our hearts to another
We will only serve the Lord
As for me and my house

I Will Follow
Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow

All your ways are good

All your ways are sure
I will trust in you alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in you alone (trust in you alone)

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow you
Who you love, I'll love
How you serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah
I will follow you, yeah

Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for you alone
You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in you alone, in you alone

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow you
Who you love, I'll love
How you serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow you
I will follow you, yeah

In you there's life everlasting
In you there's freedom for my soul
In you there's joy, unending joy
And I will follow

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow
Who you love, I'll love
How you serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow you
Who you love, I'll love
How you serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah
I will follow you, yeah
I will follow you, yeah
I will follow you, yeah

All to Jesus I Surrender
All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all
All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at his feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all
All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to thee
Fill me with thy love and power
Let thy blessings fall on me
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all

Ruth 1:15-16

¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Joshua 24:14-15

¹⁴ “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

SEE EVALUATION RUBRIC BELOW

<u>Signing for the Deaf</u> Gold 16-18 points Silver 12-15 Bronze 8-11		Participant Name: _____ Grade: _____ Congregation: _____	
	Exemplary (3 points)	Competent (2 points)	Developing (1 point)
Appearance	Participant is wearing a solid color shirt that contrasts with skin tone OR wearing an LTC shirt.		Participant's shirt makes it difficult to see his/her hands while signing.
Finger spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant's hand remains stable throughout Mouths words not letters Uses correct signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant's hand bounces some throughout Mouths words not letters Uses mostly correct signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant's hand bounces a lot throughout Mouths letters not words Uses some correct signs
Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs flow from one to the other Signs are placed appropriately with correct orientation Hand shape is clear Participant doesn't move too fast or significantly lag compared to the audio 	2 of the 4 items are present	1 of the 4 items is present
Expression	Facial expressions appropriate for selection	Facial expressions mostly appropriate	Inappropriate or no facial expressions
Confidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes eye contact Appears to be having fun May make mistakes, but moves on from them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes some eye contact Appears to be having fun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes no eye contact Not having fun
Preparation -If a participant gets flustered, please do not count that as not prepared.	It is clear the participant is familiar with the selection and has adequately prepared.		Participant practiced some, but needed some more repetition.

Evaluator's Comments: