***General Competition Information 2023***

1. **Dates and Locations:**
* ***State Competition – March 9, 2023***

**Front Range Baptist Academy, 625 E. Harmony Road, Ft. Collins, CO**

* ***National Competition – April 11-13, 2023*** at Bob Jones University
1. **Registration:**
* Order Academic Tests before **January 13, 2023** and return them by the deadline.
* Send in Competition Information Sheets for Bible, Speech, Art, and Music by **February 8, 2023.** See links on the Fine Arts Competition page for Information Sheets and Competition Deadlines.
* Send in the Competition Registration Form by **February 22, 2023.** Entries **postmarked** after this date **will** **not be allowed to compete.** Mail fees (payable to CACS) and the entry registration form to:

 ***Julie Nelson***

 ***FaithPoint Church***

***833 15th Avenue***

***Longmont, CO 80501***

1. **Competition Description:**

The competition consists of five divisions: Academic, Art, Bible, Music, and Speech. Each division is overseen by a division chairman. Addresses and contact information for the chairman along with their respective deadlines are found on the “Pre-Competition Deadline Sheet.” This information sheet, the registration form, and many other forms necessary for the competition can be found on the CACS website, [www.cacs-aacs.org](http://www.cacs-aacs.org/) under the tab “Fine Arts Competition”.

**4. Eligible Participants:**

* ***Elementary***
	+ Spelling Bee (Grades K-5th)
	+ Academic Testing (Grades 4th-5th)
	+ Art (Grades 4th-5th)
	+ Bible Quizzing (Grades 4th-5th)
* ***Junior High*** (grades 6th-8th) - Junior High may compete in all divisions at their level. 7th and 8th grade Junior High students are only eligible to compete in nationals as members of their band or Handbell Choir. Please note that if your school’s orchestra/band or handbell/handchime choir advances to nationals, 6th grade may not go to nationals.
* ***Senior High*** (grades 9th-12th)- Senior High may compete in all divisions. First place winners in the senior high are eligible to compete at nationals. If the first place winner chooses not to go to nationals, the second place winner may go instead. CACS recommends a “1” rating if you are planning on going to National competition.

**6. Competition Manuals:**

* Senior High (Grades 9th -12th) will follow the *2020 Edition of the AACS National Competition Manual*. These may be purchased from the national office (https://www.aacs.org/products/manuals-2/). This manual will be used through the 2025 competition.
* Junior High (Grades 6th-8th) Rules and time limits for junior high are found under the links for each division on the Fine Arts Competition web page on the CACS website [www.cacs-aacs.org](http://www.cacs-aacs.org).

**7. Participation Limitations:**

* **Each school** or home school group may **enter *three* entries in each *individual* category and *two* entries in each *group* category** except the following:
* On the ***Junior High level*** a school may enter only one Bible Quiz Team.
* On the ***Senior High level*** a school may enter only one Bible Quiz Team.
* **A school** or home school group may allow **as many students as they desire** to take the academic and Bible tests. However an **individual student** will be permitted to **take only two academic tests and one Bible knowledge test.**
* **A student** may enter **two individual competitions within each division**. (Examples: two speeches; two music solos; two art pieces, two academic tests in addition to one Bible Knowledge test.)

**8. Important Reminders:**

* Make sure you follow your deadline list.
* Please note the *Significant Changes of the 2020 Manual.* The changes can be retrieved off the webpage under *Fine Arts Competition* at [www.cacs-aacs.org](http://www.cacs-aacs.org/).

**9. Competition Dress and Conduct Code:**

* ***Dress Code:***

Since the CACS Competition is in preparation for the National Competition and future ministry, we require neatness, cleanliness, and modesty. Violations of the dress code will disqualify the person in non-compliance from the competition.

* **Girls and Ladies** are required to wear skirts or dresses that will be to the middle of the knee or longer, and necklines will not be low or open in front or back. No slacks, jeans, or shorts will be allowed on campus.
* **Boys and Men** are required to wear neat shirts, tucked in, with a collar and dress slacks. Sport coat or suit and tie are optional but recommended. Jeans and shorts are not to be worn on campus. Hair should be short with no long sideburns. No beards or mustaches will be permitted on students in the competition.
* ***Conduct Code:*** Patience, kindness, and good sportsmanship are the rule to follow at all times for students and adults. Insubordination or disruptive behavior by any student or adult toward any judge or competition official will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification of the student from the competition.

**Please Note: Any individual vandalizing or stealing will be disqualified and their school shall be fined in an amount equal to the cost of repairs or replacement.**