

Professional Skills Competitions

An Individual Development Opportunity

The Basics

I. Competitions Categories

(Virginia Jaycees Award) and comparable U.S. Jaycees National Award Titles

- A. Speak-Up-** (David "Doc" Serota Award -Overall) Durwood Howes Memorial Award
 - Speak Up
 - Master's Speak Up – for local Presidents and state officers
- B. Write-Up-** (Herb Bateman Award)
- C. Jaycee Jeopardy**
- D. Outstanding (Year-End)**
 - First Year Jaycee - (Lisa Petipas Award) C. William Brownfield Memorial Award
 - Veteran Jaycee - (Horace Henderson Award) John H. Armbruster "Keyman" Memorial Award
 - Family - (Wanda & Chris Williamson Award) Andrew & Charlotte Mungenast Award
- E. Debate**
- F. Jaycee Idol (Mid-Year)**

II. Date, Time and Place

- Competitions are held twice each year.
- Mid Year State Competitions will be held at the State Spring Conference in May
- Year End State Competitions will be held at the state Annual Meeting in November

III. Speak-Up

- Two parts -prepared and impromptu
- Time limit –5 - 7 minutes for prepared; 3 to 5 minutes for impromptu
- Props are not allowed
- Recommended not to stand behind a podium
- Choose a Jaycee story, memory, theme, moment, and relate the Speak-Up topic to that subject
- Have an introduction, body and conclusion
- Tone, inflection, senses (laugh and/or cry)
- See national judging form:
http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=75&Itemid=166



IV. Write-Up



- Two -parts -prepared and impromptu
- Handwritten will be accepted for State judging only -(handwritten will be required at National Competition)
- Choose a Jaycee story, memory, theme, moment, and relate the Speak-Up topic to that subject
- Have an introduction, body and conclusion.
- Prepared essay -minimum of 450 words, maximum of 500 words
- Impromptu Write-Up -time limit of30 minutes (200 minimum -500 maximum words)
- See judging sheet form for criteria:
http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=76&Itemid=166

V. Jaycee Jeopardy

- 30 minutes written test on knowledge of Jaycee History
- 5 Question oral section -Answers are put on large index cards for the judges
- Study material -The Book, 75th Anniversary Book -The Legacy of Leadership,
- First-timer Program questions, Virginia Jaycee and US Jaycee web sites. www.usjaycees.org

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Jeopardy highlights Jaycee knowledge

VI. Outstanding Competitions

4 Tabs: 1. Entry Form

2. Resume

3. Letters of Recommendation

4. Substantiating material



- One original and (5) copies of your entry for a total of 6 entries. A total of six copies will be required for national competition.
- The resume is in business format with Jaycee information (recommended one page, no more than two)
- Page numbering should begin at letters of recommendation, and should be no more than 15 pages including substantiating material
- 3 to 5 letters of recommendation, one from the chapter president (current dates)
- No more than 10 pages of substantiating material. There are to be no multiple pages
- Portfolios should be 3-hole punched, stapled in the top left corner, and no notebooks
- National entry forms, judging criteria, rules and guidelines:
http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=15&Itemid=49
- **Outstanding First Year** -eligibility is during and up to their first 24 months of membership. However, judging is based solely on the competitor's accomplishments during their first twelve (12) months as a Jaycee. No member will be eligible after the second Annual meeting following their initial entry into membership.
- **Outstanding Family** -Consists of married couples, with or without children, brother and sister living in the same household, single member parents with children.
National Judging Form Criteria:
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VII. Debate

- At the state level, this will be an individual Debate Competition.
- The debate will consist of 2 topics - your response will be either pro or con and will alternate.
- Each topic will be given approximately five (5) minutes preparation time. Total presentation time allotted is 8 minutes; 3 minutes for the position, 2 minutes for a rebuttal, and 3 minutes to close. Time allowed may vary slightly at the discretion of the Competitions Facilitator.
- If you advance to the National Level, the Debate team consists of three (3) people.
- National Debate Judging Criteria:
http://www.usjaycees.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=70&Itemid=166

VIII. Additional Information:

- All directions must be followed explicitly - remember this is a competition.
- Speak-Up - if this is your first competition, you enter as a novice. If your professional position is one in which you speak to the public, you will enter as a professional. Be punctual and prepared for all categories.
- Do not mention your chapter name or wear identifying chapter paraphernalia. **DO** wear a Jaycee member pin.
- Business attire required for **all** competitions (including Jeopardy).
- Additional rules apply for those competitors who have won on the state level with regard to competing at nationals. Please contact your Individual Development Vice President, Chuck Nelson for detailed information.

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