

Bishop Maurice D. Bingham Youth of the Year Award College Level

To Qualify:

1. Participant must be a born again Christian.
2. Participant must be in good standing with the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. with a letter from his or her pastor.
3. Participant must be active in Sunday School and Holiness Youth Ministries.
4. Participant must register on the opening day of the Congress.
5. Participant must have completed his or her freshman year of college and cannot be over 23 years old.
6. Participant must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.00. A copy of participant's college transcript must accompany his or her application.
7. Participant must have contributed to volunteer efforts in his or her community.
8. Participant must be present at the Congress session so that he or she may be recognized in person.
9. Participant must submit a resume which shall include spiritual, academic and occupational or professional goals.
10. Participant must be willing to give back to his or her local church and community.
11. Participant must submit an 8 x 10 color photograph (to be displayed at the National Congress as directed by the National Youth of the Year Coordinator).
12. Participant will be interviewed by Youth of the Year Committee.
13. Participant shall submit typed documents. Handwritten documents will not be accepted.
14. Participant may submit a portfolio, or typed summary of current year awards and achievements.
15. A winner of the National Youth of the Year, College Level, may not participate in the contest again.
16. Each participant must submit a type written essay 300 to 500 words on the current Congress theme.

Recognitions

1. The Youth of the Year representative from each diocese will receive a plaque.
2. All participants on both the high school and college levels will be evaluated and considered for National Youth of the Year recognition.
3. The National Youth of the Year, High School Level, shall receive a service award in the form of a \$500 scholarship.
4. The National Youth of the Year, College Level, shall receive a service award in the form of a \$500 scholarship.
5. National Youth of the Year recipients for both high school and college levels shall make a short presentation during the Congress at a time designated by the President of the National Sunday School & HYM Congress.

Procedures for the Committee

1. The Bishop Maurice D. Bingham College Youth of the Year Contest shall consist of three levels of competition: Level one, Local Church; Level two, District Congress; and Level three, Diocese Congress;
2. Each level shall have an Interviewing Committee. The Interviewing Committee for level one shall be the Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, and the HYM President or a committee agreed on by these persons. The Interviewing Committee for levels two and three shall be the Congress President's Appointed Youth of Year Coordinator and 3-4 other members within the respective levels.
3. Contestants shall enter the contest at level one.
4. Each level shall send not more than one contestant to the next level. The number of contestants entering level one is not limited. The number of contestants in the contest at level two is limited to the number of local churches sending one contestant each to level two. The number of contestants at level three is limited to the number of districts in the Diocese.
5. Each Diocese (level 3) shall not send more than one contestant to the National Sunday School & HYM Congress session.
6. The Interviewing Committee must interview each Participant.
7. The Interviewing Committee, when interviewing, may consider hardship cases of participants who cannot attend the National Congress.

Rules for Participant Evaluation

I. Resume	Objectives/Goals:	Total Points = 10
	<p>A. Church = 5 Points: 1 point for each objective</p> <p>B. Career = 5 Points: 1 point for each objective</p>	
II. Activities		Total Points = 50
	<p>A. Church Involvement = 30 Points: 12 points total – Local (2 for each activity) 10 points total - District 5 points total - Diocese 3 points total – National</p> <p>B. School Involvement = 10 Points: 2 points for each activity</p> <p>C. Community Involvement = 10 Points: 2 points for each activity</p>	
III. Recognition and Achievements		Total Points = 40
	<p>A. Church = 10 Points 2 point for each recognition or achievement</p> <p>B. Scholastic = 20 Points 5 points for each recognition or achievement</p> <p>C. Community – 10 Points 2 point for each recognition or achievement</p>	
IV. Essay		Total Point = 25
	All participants will submit a typewritten essay of 300 to 500 words on the current Congress theme.	
V. Interview		Bonus Points = 25
	Total Possible Points = 150	