

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 –Competition highlights public speaking skills and is held to determine the most outstanding speakers in the Virginia Jaycees. The first place winner advances on to the national level and should be available to give their winning speech at the Sunday Board of Directors Meeting.
- Master’s Speak Up –Competition provides eligible state officers and local chapter presidents the opportunity to compete while in office. The format and judging procedure for this competition is the same as for the Speak-Up competition.

Write-Up- (Herb Bateman Award) – Competition highlights writing skills and determines the most outstanding writers in The Virginia Jaycees. The winner advances on to the national level.

B. Jaycee Jeopardy --A question-and-answer contest dealing mainly with the history of the Jaycee organization, its officers, goals, and its activities. This competition highlights institutional knowledge.

C. Outstanding (Year-End)

First Year Jaycee - (Lisa Pettipas 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

D. Debate -- Competition highlights persuasive skills and is between individuals on a state level and a 3 person team nationally.

E. Jaycee Tube -- In today’s increasingly visual online world, being able to form ideas into a presentation can give you an edge as a young professional. Don’t miss your opportunity to be on the big screen in the Jaycee Tube Video Contest. Entries will be sent to the national level for competition. There will be a Red Carpet Movie Premier at the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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. The How To’s

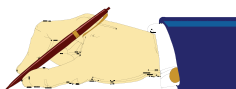
Speak-Up

- 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



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 of 30 minutes (200 minimum -500 maximum words)
- See judging sheet form for criteria:
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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

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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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:
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Jaycee Tube

- Entries will be sent to the state office to be sent on to the national level.
- The video should not be more than 2 – 3 minutes.
- It cannot be done by a professional. You need to utilize the talents of your members (or potential members!)
- No limit to the number of submissions
- The entry can be done by chapters, regions, districts, individual members, or state teams.
- The entry needs to conform to the theme “Why Jaycees”. Talk about why you have Jaycees in your community, why Jaycees should be part of your life, why should you join Jaycees etc.
- It needs to be submitted on a thumb drive or CD in a windows friendly media (runs in Windows media player). None of the media will be returned.
- All submissions need to be turned in by August 1, 2009 to 7447 S. Lewis Ave, Tulsa, OK along with a group name, a contact phone number, and e-mail.
- We reserve the right to use the submission in promotion of our national organization.
- Most importantly, it is about having FUN and providing something positive to promote our organization. This could be used to recruit, new member orientation, or promote our organization.
- Check out the sample video!! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEr4qqC4E-M>

Additional Information for Competitors:

- 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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