

Mission Speak Out

Lad and Crusader Divisions

1. Purpose

To involve Lads and Crusaders in mission awareness by providing an opportunity to develop skills for speaking about missions.

2. Contest Divisions

- A. Lads (Grades 1st-2nd-3rd)
- B. Crusaders (Grades 4th-5th-6th)

3. Qualifications

- A. Must be actively involved in Royal Ambassadors.
- B. Must be in 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades for Lads and 4th, 5th, 6th grades for Crusaders.
- C. A completed application for each speaker must be turned in at the registration area prior to the close of registration on Saturday at noon. The pastor's signature is not required for Lads and/or Crusaders.

4. Entrance Specifications

- A. The Mission Speak Out Applications are available here in this pack or from our office. <https://www.tbmtx.org/campout-and-missions-mania-forms>
- B. A completed application for each speaker must be turned in at the registration area prior to close of registration on Saturday at noon.
- C. Speak Out participants will meet the event director at the Speak Out event area at the scheduled time on Saturday afternoon.
- D. The top three Lad and Crusader Speak Out finalists will participate in the Mission Mania program to receive their awards during the award program Sunday morning. Appropriate dress (Sunday Casual) is requested.
- E. Each Lad and Crusader Speak Out participant may be videoed during their presentation.

5. Speech

- A. Should reflect the young man's participation in the Royal Ambassadors program. Examples should be given of how his involvement in RAs affects the topic discussed.

- B. Must be from two (2) to four (4) minutes in length. Participants will be penalized for finishing over or under these time limits. Speaker will be stopped after six (6) minutes.
- C. Must be the participant's own composition. Proper credit must be given to all quoted materials.
- D. Speak Out participants may choose from one of the following topics:
 - a. What Royal Ambassadors Means to Me - Share from personal experience what being involved in your RA group means to you.
 - b. The Royal Ambassador Pledge - Choose two of the five points of the pledge and explain what they mean to you and how they relate to your world.
 - c. Learning and Doing in Jesus' Name - Explain what this statement means to you. A part of this explanation should include examples of how this relates to your world.
 - d. Helping Others in Jesus' Name - Explain what this statement means to you. A part of this explanation should include examples of how you have helped others.
 - e. RA Mission activities/projects - Share how your involvement in a RA Mission activity or project has helped you learn how to be an Ambassador for Christ and develop your Christian commitment.
 - f. The Cooperative Program: Supporting Missions Around the World - Share how gifts to the Cooperative Program are having an impact on Southern Baptists' efforts of taking the gospel of Christ to the uttermost parts of the world.
 - g. Royal Ambassador Virtues - Pick three of the ten RA Virtues and explain what they mean to you.

6. Judging

- A. Participants will be graded on a basis of 100 points: There is a 3-point penalty for each 30 seconds (or part of) being under or over time limits.
 - a. Content - 50 points
 - b. Delivery - 50 points
- B. Judges will evaluate each speaker individually based on both the content and delivery of the speech. At the end of the round, speakers are ranked in order of the quality of the speeches. Best is first, second best is second, and so on. All speaker contestants are ranked in the round. There can be no ties. The top three ranked speakers will advance to the next round.
- C. State winners (top three places) for both divisions will be selected by a panel of judges at Mission Mania.
- D. Judges' rankings of participants in each round shall be uncontestable.

7. Awards

Patches and chevrons will be awarded to the top six participants in the Lad and Crusader divisions. Plaques will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in both the Lad and Crusaders divisions during the Mission Mania Awards Ceremony on Sunday morning.

Challengers I and II Divisions

1. Purpose

To involve Challengers in mission awareness by providing an opportunity to develop skills for speaking about mission involvement.

2. Contest Divisions

- A. Challengers I (Grades 7th-8th-9th)
- B. Challengers II (Grades 10th-11th-12th)

3. Qualifications

- A. Must be actively involved in Challengers.
- B. Must be a member of a Southern Baptist Church.
- C. Must be in 7th, 8th, 9th grades for Challengers I and 10th, 11th, 12th grades for Challengers II.
- D. Application brought to Mission Mania must be completed by applicant and signed by Challenger leader and pastor. Application form is included in this manual.

4. Entrance Specifications

- A. It would be beneficial to contact the State Office by email at royal.ambassadors@tbmtx.org or by calling (214) 275-1184 by November 1 to indicate your intention of participating in the Mission Speak Out.
- B. A completed application for each speaker must be turned in at the registration area prior to the close of registration on Saturday at noon.
- C. Speak Out participants will meet the event director at the Speak Out event area at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- D. The top three Challengers I and II Speak Out finalists will participate in the Mission Mania program to receive their awards during the Sunday award program. Appropriate dress (Sunday Casual) is requested.
- E. The Challengers II winner will be given the opportunity to present his speech during the Sunday morning awards ceremony program.

- F. Each Challenger Speak Out participant may be videoed during their presentation at Mission Mania. Dress appropriately for your presentation.

5. Speech

- A. Should reflect the young man's participation in the Challengers program. Examples should be given of how his involvement in Challengers affects the topic discussed.
- B. Must be from four (4) to six (6) minutes in length. Participants will be penalized for finishing over or under these time limits. Speaker will be stopped after eight (8) minutes.
- C. Must be the participant's own composition. Proper credit must be given to all quoted materials.
- D. Speak Out participants may choose from one of the following topics:
 - a. My Challengers Journey - Share from your experience of involvement in The Challengers Journey.
 - b. Me, A Missionary - Share from your experience what it means to be a missionary.
 - c. Discovering My Gifts for Mission Service - Share how Challengers and other church programs have helped you in discovering a calling to and gifts for mission service.
 - d. Mission Projects and Me - Share how your involvement in various mission projects and ongoing ministries of your church has helped to develop an understanding of your role in mission involvement.
 - e. The Cooperative Program: Supporting Missions Around the World - Share how gifts to the Cooperative Program are having an impact on Southern Baptists' efforts of taking the gospel of Christ to the uttermost parts of the world.
 - f. Encountering God Through Bible Study - Share the importance of daily personal prayer and Bible study to developing a Christian lifestyle, and how these affect your mission involvement.
 - g. What Challengers Means to Me - Share from personal experience what being involved in your Challengers group means to you.

6. Judging

- A. Participants will be graded on a basis of 100 points: Speakers will be stopped after (8) eight minutes. There is a 3 point penalty for each 30 seconds (or part of) being under or over time limits.
- B. Content - 50 points
- C. Delivery - 50 points
- D. Judges will evaluate each speaker individually based on both the content and delivery of the speech. At the end of the round, speakers are ranked in order of the quality of the speeches: Best is first, second best is second, and so on. All speaker contestants are

ranked in the round. There can be no ties. The top three ranked speakers will advance to the next round if needed.

- E. State winners (top three places) for both divisions will be selected by a panel of judges at Missions Mania.
- F. Judges' rankings of participants in each round shall be uncontestable.

7. Awards:

- A. Patches and chevrons will be awarded to the top six participants in both of the Challengers divisions. Plaques will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in both the Challengers I and Challengers II divisions during the Missions Mania Awards Ceremony on Sunday morning.
- B. The Challengers II winner will be given an opportunity to present his speech during the Mission Mania program.
- C. Scholarships will be presented to the Challengers II finalist for the purpose of post-secondary education (college or trade school) or a mission endeavor in the following amounts:
 - a. 1st place - \$1,000.00
 - b. 2nd place - \$600.00
 - c. 3rd place - \$400.00
- D. Recipients will have one (1) year from the date awarded to claim their scholarship. After the five year time limit, the scholarship will be forfeited and revert back to the scholarship fund to be reused.
- E. Scholarship recipients will need to contact the TBM State Office in writing by email at royal.ambassadors@tbmtx.org to let us know which school or mission sending agency you would like the funds directed. Checks will not be issued to the individual except to be deposited in an approved college fund.

The Raymond G. King Memorial Missions Scholarships are awarded annually to the top three winners of the Challengers II Mission Speak Out held during the Texas State Royal Ambassadors and Challengers Mission Mania. The scholarships are to be used by the recipients for either post-secondary education expenses or to fund a mission trip or mission project.

For more information on the Raymond G. King Memorial Missions Scholarship contact our state office at royal.ambassadors@tbmtx.org or call (214) 275-1184. Prayerfully consider supporting the Mission Speak Out with your time or financial gifts. Send donations to Texas Baptist Men at 5351 Catron, Dallas, TX 75227. Checks should be made payable to Texas Baptist Men and noted for the Ray King Speak Out.

Speech Preparation Helps

A. Content

- Do I speak on the subject?
- Does the material accomplish my purpose?
- Does content show originality?
- Do I give credit for quoted materials?
- Is content organized?
- Is there unity of thought?
- Is my subject developed in a logical manner?
- Am I discriminating in choice of words?
- Is my sentence structure and my grammar correct?

B. Delivery

- Does my voice have a pleasing quality and pitch?
- Is my articulation good?
- Is my pronunciation correct?
- Does my delivery seem natural or affected?
- How is my stage presence? (Consider personal appearance, poise, posture, attitude, confidence, personality, and ease before an audience)
- How do I express myself? (Consider directness, fluency, emphasis, sincerity)
- Does my delivery convey the thought to the audience?

C. Overall Effect

- Is the speech interesting, understandable, convincing and pleasing?

D. Suggestions to help improve your speaking ability

- Write your speech down on a piece of notebook paper.
- Read it over and make any corrections that you need.
- Read your speech out loud. Practice hearing yourself speaking out loud.
- Speak loud enough that you may be heard by the person sitting in the back of the room.
- Practice your speech in front of a mirror.
- Practice your speech in front of your Leaders and/or parents.



Mission Speak Out Application



The Mission Speak Out involves Royal Ambassadors and Challengers in mission awareness by providing an opportunity for them to speak publicly for mission involvement. The following guidelines for competition are intended to give uniformity to the event.

- Participants must be active members of a Royal Ambassadors or Challengers group.
- Each young man's application must be signed by his leader and his pastor (optional for Lads and Crusaders).
- It would be beneficial to contact the state office at (214) 275-1184 or royal.ambassadors@tbmtx.org before November 1 to indicate your intention of participating in the Challengers Mission Speak Out.
- A completed application for each speaker must be turned in at the registration area prior to the close of registration on Saturday at noon.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Church Membership: _____

Name of RA or Challengers Group: _____

Leader's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Leader's Signature: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____