



December 17, 2020

Dear School Administrator:

We invite your school to compete in the 2021 Mid-America Association of Christian Schools Bible, Academics, and Fine Arts Competition. This event is open to all AACS members, particularly those in the Mid-America Association of Christian Schools region, consisting of schools in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Competition is offered on the following three levels:

- **Elementary** (grades 4-6) — *March 11-12, 2021*
- **Junior High** (grades 7-9) — *March 17-19, 2021*
- **Senior High** (grades 9-12) — *March 17-19, 2021*

Enclosed is registration information for the 2021 MAACS Competition. Please note the following important details:

I. Location

Bible and Academic Testing portions of the competition will be conducted at **individual member schools** as usual. Conducting the testing portion of the competition in this manner will help ease the congestion and number of rooms needed during the performance times and will encourage participants who are unable to travel this distance to become involved in the competition.

The performance portions of the competition will be hosted by **Calvary Baptist Church in Ottawa, KS for Elementary Competition and Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, IA for JH/SH Competition**. See enclosure for specific dates of the competition.

II. Registration Forms

Forms must be returned to the MAACS office no later than **February 5, 2021**.

- Please fill in the necessary information on the Registration Forms referring to the enclosed instructions. **Note: All names and grade levels of competitors must be listed in each event.**
- Fees must be sent along with the forms. Checks should be made payable to MAACS. Please complete the enclosed Financial Sheet to calculate your total fees.

III. MAACS Competition Manual

The MAACS Competition Manual (2020 Edition) contains the rules and procedures that have been considered and approved by the Mid-America Association of Christian Schools. All areas of competition will adhere to this handbook of rules and any exceptions must be approved by MAACS headquarters. The MAACS Competition Manual is available on our website www.maacs.org BAFA page <http://www.maacs.org/bafa-schedule-and-info.html> Direct Link to Manual download (which is password protected so please email Terrie South (tsouth@tri-city.org) or call her at 816.229.0197 to get the password <http://www.maacs.org/bafa-manual-download.html> . It is strongly suggested that schools who plan to participate in the AACS National Competition also acquire a copy of the AACS National Competition Manual (www.aacs.org) since there are several major differences between the AACS National Competition Manual and the MAACS Competition Manual.

All sponsors and contestants are strongly encouraged to thoroughly read the general information and the specific areas in which they are participating.

IV. Judging Forms

Students competing in a category requiring judging forms must submit two completed judging forms at the time of competition. Students must use the MAACS judging forms listed in the current MAACS

Competition Manual. Judging forms from the AACS National Competition Manual are intended for use at the AACS National Competition and should not be used at the MAACS Competition.

All Judging forms used **MUST** be the updated ones from the 2020 Edition of the MAACS Competition Manual. Check the year at the bottom of the pages.

V. Bible

Schools may acquire the current study packet for Sword Drill (part of the Bible Study Pack CD) by contacting Randall House Publications at 800-877-7030 or www.randallhouse.com.

VI. Music

- A copy of all music selections must be sent for approval via email **anytime between now and February 5, 2021**, with February 5 as the final day for emailing approvals. It is to your advantage to do so **sooner** rather than later. A “Music Approval Form” must be attached to all selections. Please completely fill out the approval form. Do not send an original; a photocopy is acceptable for approval. **MUSIC APPROVALS-PLEASE SEND THESE ELECTRONICALLY TO JACK HERBERT DIRECTLY THIS YEAR (JHERBERTABA@GMAIL.COM) ANYTIME BETWEEN NOW AND February 5, 2021.**
- Contestants will need **one original** copy of each selection performed for the judges. See the MAACS Competition Manual for information regarding additional copies needed for competition.

VII. Speech

- A copy of all speech selections must be sent for approval via email **anytime between now and February 5, 2021**, with February 5 as the final day for emailing approvals. It is to your advantage to do so **sooner** rather than later. A “Speech Approval Form” must be attached to all selections. Please completely fill out the approval form. Do not send an original; a photocopy is acceptable for approval. **SPEECH APPROVALS-PLEASE SEND THESE ELECTRONICALLY TO PAUL SMITH DIRECTLY THIS YEAR (PSMITH@MBAWARRIORS.COM) ANYTIME BETWEEN NOW AND February 5, 2021.**
- Speech selections for approval should be submitted as it will be performed. For **all** categories (except Debate and Extemporaneous Speaking), submit the full speech and include all mark-outs, etc.
- All speech selections must be appropriate and fit the proper category. Please specify for which category each speech selection is intended.

VIII. Art

- Specific check-in times listed on “Tips for Art Sponsors”.
- A copy of the completed Artist’s Idea Statement must be attached to each judging form for the entry.
- All art entries must be appropriate and fit the proper category.

IX. Academics

- **THE MAACS BIBLE AND ACADEMIC TESTING WILL BE DONE ONLINE THIS YEAR—WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ELEMENTARY O.T./N.T., MUSIC THEORY; JUNIOR HIGH O.T/N.T., MUSIC THEORY AND ALL LEVELS OF SPELLING AND CREATIVE WRITING TEST WILL BE EMAIL OUT TO SCHOOLS. ACADEMIC TESTING ORDERING DATES ARE January 11 thru January 22, 2021.** Tests results will be announced during the awards assembly. Winners do not need to be present, but a school representative will need to receive the award for them if they are unable to attend.
- **ALL IN-HOUSE ACADEMIC TESTING MUST BE ADMINISTERED FEBRUARY 10-18, 2021.**
- For entries in Science Fair, **two** copies of each student’s research paper must be submitted to the MAACS Office by February 10, 2021.
- For short story, poetry, and creative writing, please make and submit **two** copies of each student’s writing entry with cover sheet and submit to MAACS Office by February 10, 2021.
- Spelling will be administered first as a written examination along with the other academic tests. From these contestants, the top-scoring one-third will compete during the MAACS Competition to determine the final winners. The school competition coordinator will be notified of students who score in the top one-third of contestants.

- Spelling study lists may be accessed at www.myspellit.com. All the words listed are linked to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary with audio pronunciations. The emphasis of the *Spell It!* is to teach students to learn how to spell and to minimize the memorization of words. Words are organized into sections by language of origin. Words are further organized into “Study Words” and “Challenge Words.” Spelling Bee Booklets are no longer available; however, each word list may be printed for study purposes by selecting the “Print” tab. Spelling bee words will not necessarily come from these lists but will come from the same categories. Elementary students will not be required to know the Challenge Words.

X. Accommodations and Dining

- The Faith Baptist Bible College (FBBC) will list nearby hotels in Ankeny, IA on their website. You can go onto their website for hotels they have rates with. Please call the hotel of your choice.
- There is WILL BE NO lodging provide for students in the dorms this year due to COVID-19.
- Regarding meals: Because of COVID limitations, FBBC has only been able to serve students in their dining hall this semester. FBBC is able to offer meals to MAACS guest in their dining hall during the competition, though with one limitation: that FBBC students and MAACS guest will have to eat at separate times. Because of these unique variables FBBC still has some things to work through as it relates to meal pricing and deadline. FBBC will have more information after the first of the year and we will pass this information on as we receive it.
- There will be a Wednesday evening service provided for all participants and guests at 7:00 p.m. There will be a concert on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Spectators

- Preschool-aged children are not allowed in rooms **during** performances.
- Flash photography and any other extraneous distractions are not permitted during the actual performance of a contestant.

XII. School Coordinator

- Each school is asked to designate a School Competition Coordinator who will serve as a liaison between the school and the MAACS Competition Office. It will be that individual’s responsibility to distribute information from the MAACS Competition Office to the interested students, parents, and faculty members at his school.

We are looking forward to your participation! It is our hope that the competition will be a highlight of this school year for your students. If you have any questions, please visit our website (www.maacs.org) or contact Terrie South (816-229-0197), tsouth@tri-city.org in the MAACS Competition Office.

Sincerely,



Matt Williams

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Enclosures