

BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS

2012 ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

FOR PARTICIPATION IN

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL

YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL

YOUTH SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

In an effort to encourage as many children and youth as possible to be involved in the Bible Drill/Youth Speakers' Tournament program, there are four options for participation:

1. Children's Bible Drillers, Youth and High School Bible Drillers and Youth Speakers' Tournament participants who are members of BGCT churches **are eligible** to participate in all BGCT competitions and receive appropriate recognition. If a semi-final youth participant earns the right to advance to state finals, they **are eligible** for any monetary scholarship awards that might be available. The Youth Bible Drill Winner, High School Bible Drill Winner, and Youth Speaker Winner **will be eligible** to represent the BGCT state convention at the National Invitational Tournament.
2. Participants who are members of Baptist churches that are dually aligned with the BGCT and another convention may participate in all BGCT competitions and **will be eligible** to receive appropriate recognition. If a semi-final youth participant earns the right to advance to the state finals, they **will be eligible** for any monetary scholarship award and **will be eligible** to represent the BGCT state convention at the National Invitational Tournament.
3. Participants who are members of churches aligned with conventions other than the BGCT may choose to participate in BGCT competitions **under the sponsorship** of a cooperative giving BGCT church. However, if a semi-final youth participant earns the right to advance to the state finals, they **will not be eligible** for any monetary scholarship award and **will not be eligible** to represent the BGCT state convention at the National Invitational Tournament.
4. A school (private or Christian) or Home School Association is welcome to participate in BGCT Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament program. There are two different ways for their students to participate:
 - a. The school or association may participate under the sponsorship of a cooperative giving BGCT church. Their children may participate at all levels of competition and **will be eligible** for appropriate recognition. The youth, however, may participate in all levels of competition, but **will not be eligible** to receive any financial awards and **will not be eligible** to represent the BGCT state convention at the National Invitational Tournament.
 - b. The school or association may participate on their own, but will be required to pay a \$500 participation fee. Their children may participate at all levels of competition and **will be eligible** for appropriate recognition. The youth, however, may participate in all levels of competition, but **will not be eligible** to receive any financial awards and **will not be eligible** to represent the BGCT state convention at the National Invitational Tournament.