



## Contest Rules:

1. Must be between 12 and 19 years old on April 2nd, 2016.
2. Open to Christian students ages 12-19 (all applicants must adhere to The Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed).
3. May enter multiple times but must pay submission fee for *each* entry. Only 1 final entry will be chosen per candidate, but multiple entries may increase your chances as each talk will be individually judged on content and style etc.
4. Must have written the speech themselves. Help is allowed from adults, but the basics of the speech must be from their own research. Speech must be under 10 mins, no PowerPoint or Media is to be used. Full notes are allowed during the speech.
5. Contestant may use/reuse speeches from/in other contests.
6. Speech must be submitted by March 1, 2015 (see instructions below).
7. Judges will choose the top 8 speeches from the submissions.
8. Top 8 Speakers will be notified via email by March 15, 2016
9. Top 8 Speakers will compete live in front of an audience in San Jose, CA in April 2016 (date & loc TBD).
10. Speech can be changed a bit from original at time of contest. Basic themes must remain the same. Simply submit final script on the eve of contest by email to [SpeechUpdates2016@NoBlindFaith.com](mailto:SpeechUpdates2016@NoBlindFaith.com) with a comment indicating that it has changed.
11. On the day of the live presentation the 3 winners will be chosen by using:
  - a. 25% of the Live General Audience's vote (so invite your friends and family),
  - b. 25% of the attending Pastors' vote (so invite your pastor. To qualify as pastor, must be on staff at a church),
  - c. 25% of the attending competitors who did not make the final round's vote (so invite your peers).
  - d. 25% of the Invited Judges' vote.
12. Must be present to win. DVD entries for the final live event will not be accepted. Finalists are responsible for their own expenses and any taxes.
13. All attendees will be eligible to win other door prizes.
14. All speeches remain the copyright of the author. However, by submitting a video, the author agrees to allow usage of the video, snippets of their speech & author's name and likeness for promotion by No Blind Faith and The VAC.

## Guidelines and deadline to enter:

1. Print and fill out this Entry Form completely. You do not need to submit these instructions.
2. Make \$25 entry fee by check to "No Blind Faith". Include speakers name, entry number and email address at bottom of check
3. Record video of the speech (Speeches can be under 10 minutes but should not be over, phone recording is fine but please use a tripod or a stand for recording) . Then: **Speech Submission Options:**
  - a. Burn it to a DVD and mail the DVD to us **OR**
  - b. Create an **unlisted** YouTube link and Upload it. Uploaded YouTube video is the preferred format. Instructions can be found here:  
**How to upload a video to YouTube** (note you will be asked to create an account)  
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en>  
**How to make it unlisted (see second point in article):** Optional but you probably don't want competitors to see you talk before they submit theirs  
<http://mic.com/articles/62163/6-things-you-need-to-know-so-your-private-youtube-videos-don-t-end-up-on-google#.zRXtvt5Je>  
Note after the competition you may choose to make the video public.
4. 4. Send i) this completed Entry Form, ii) the check FOR \$25 to NoBlindFaith.com, iii) the speech script using MLA Format with citations and iv) the DVD to Speech Competition, NBF, PO Box 8321, San Jose, CA 95155 postmarked by March 1st, 2016 PST.  
OR If uploading a video to YouTube, do all the above but instead of the DVD, email the YouTube URL link to [SpeechCompetition@NoBlindFaith.com](mailto:SpeechCompetition@NoBlindFaith.com) by midnight March 1st, 2016 PST include your name, phone number and speech title, (if sending multiple entries include the Entry Number).