

Signing for the Deaf

PURPOSE: To encourage students to develop the ability to interpret so that they can minister to and develop relationships with the hearing-impaired, as well as provide various services to the hearing-impaired to the glory of God and His church. This event takes place at the convention and is a very special event.

Questions? Contact us and we'll connect you with the Event Coordinator.

PROCESS

Each participant will:

- Prepare for signing, and does so for the appropriate experience level.
- Be certain that they are registered for this event no later than the registration deadline.
- Notify event coordinator at least 2 weeks before the convention if interpreting services are needed (if participant is hearing-impaired). This is in addition to the regular registration process. (The church coordinator can notify the event coordinator for this.)
- **NOTE:** It is very important that the participant is certain that critical information is sent to the event coordinator at least two weeks before the convention. Fill out the addition required Signing form: USE the online signing form to make your selection. <https://forms.gle/fTfsbTJeugS2v84c7>

The Church Coordinator will:

- Be certain to provide an adult volunteer to evaluate or help with this event, if possible. **Send their name and phone number to the event coordinator no later than 3 weeks prior to the convention.** Additional volunteers will be greatly appreciated.
- Make sure the participant made their selection using the ONLINE Signing Form by challenge deadline. USE the online signing form to make your selection by challenge deadline <https://forms.gle/fTfsbTJeugS2v84c7>

The Event Coordinator will:

- Be certain that participants have been assigned to event rooms.
- Provide the recordings to be used during the convention.
- Provide adult volunteers to serve as "room emcee" for each event room. MWLTC organizers will assist you to determine how many emcees are needed.
- Conduct an evaluators meeting before the event.
- Report results and provide critique sheets to the Awards Committee.
- Provide qualified evaluators for the Signing and Interpreting events

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Participant Eligibility

- Any registered student in grades 3-12 can participate in this event. Students will be evaluated according to their grade level.

Preparation

- A video of a person signing all the selections will be prepared and made available early in the year for students to use in their preparation and practice for this event. This video is intended for those students who do not have the opportunity to learn from an adult with signing experience.

General Guidelines

- *Experience Levels:* Signing portions of this event have Level 1, intended for beginners, and Level 2 for those with more intermediate or advanced experience with signing. Each student can choose which level they'd like to participate in. (See specific guidelines for each level below)

Information Needed, In Addition to Normal Registration Process (at least 2 weeks prior)

- Each participating student and/or church coordinator is responsible for sending the following information to the event coordinator at least 2 weeks before the convention.
 - Student Information:
Name, grade level, home congregation
The student's experience level (Level 1 or Level 2)
Are interpreting services needed (if the participant is hearing-impaired)?

During the Event

- *Order of Performance:* A list will be posted outside the signing/interpreting room with the order in which each student will participate. If a participant's name is not on the list, please go to LTC Central or the event coordinator for resolution. All students must gather in front of their assigned performance room at least 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time. Each student will be called in at the appropriate time.
- *Participant Appearance:* A solid color blouse/shirt/dress contrasting with skin tone shall be worn during signing. Current LTC shirt may also be worn.
- *Participants Watching the Event:* A participant must not watch (will not be permitted in the room) with the other participants in the same event / level until he / she has completed his / her event.
- *Spectators:* Spectators may not enter or leave the room while a participant is signing.

Disqualification

- A participant will be disqualified if another person gives any signs while he/she is signing.

Specific Guidelines for Signing for the Deaf Experience Levels & Selections

Level 1: Participant will sign one song or one scripture of their choice from the “Level 1” list below:

Level 2: Participant will sign one song and one scripture of their choice from “Level 2” list below:

Information Needed, In Addition to Normal Registration Process (at least 2 weeks prior)
USE the online signing form to make your selection by challenge deadline.

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During the Event

- *The Selection:* The event coordinator will provide a recording of the selection at convention. (See previous section for list of selections and how they are chosen.) No other recordings may be used. No advance copies of the recordings will be distributed. Words will not be provided. Failure to sign the announced selection will result in a maximum of a Bronze award.
- *Version:* The participant must ensure the song and scripture selections that he/she signs match the versions indicated in the sections above. Failure to comply with this will reduce the maximum award to bronze.
- *Introduction:* The participant will fingerspell his/her name and sign the selection he/she will be signing. Participants should mouth the words, but should not speak once the evaluators have given the okay to begin.

Grade Level 3-6	Gold = 90 to 100	Silver = 80 to 89	Bronze = 70 to 79	Participant = 69 & less
Grade Level 7-12	Gold = 95 to 100	Silver = 85 to 94	Bronze = 75 to 84	Participant = 74 & less

AWARDS:

EVALUATION CRITERIA: (last page)

Additional required signing form: <https://forms.gle/fTfsbTJeuqS2v84c7>

2023 LTC Level 1 Signing

Pick one song or scripture to sign at convention

Hebrews 6:18-19

¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.

¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

James 1:5

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace

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Whom Shall I Fear

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear?
You crush the enemy
Underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
The one who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side

My strength is in your name
For you alone can save

You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me
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The God of angel armies
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The one who reigns forever
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Is always by my side

It is Well

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

2023 LTC Level 2 Signing

Pick one song and one scripture to sign at convention

Hebrews 6:18-20

¹⁸God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.

¹⁹We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

²⁰where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

James 1:5-7

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

⁶But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

⁷That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

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You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
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Whom shall I fear?
You crush the enemy
Underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
The one who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side

My strength is in your name
For you alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
The one who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side

Nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in your hands
I'm holding on to your promises
You are faithful
You are faithful
You are faithful

I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
The one who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side

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Is always by my side

It is Well

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul

It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

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Evaluation Form // Revised 2009-09-20

Instructions for Evaluators:

1. Place bar code label or write student info.
2. Assign score for each criteria & calculate total.
3. Write additional comments.

Place Label Here	Name:		Place Label Here	EVENT COORD: FINAL AWARD
	Grade:	Gender:		
	Cong:			

Finger-Spelling

Score: ____/10

- 9-10:** Used correct letters/numbers & appropriate spacing • Mouthed words, not letters • Hand remained stable
8-9: Used correct letters/numbers & appropriate spacing • Mouthed words, not letters • Hand bounced some
7-8: Some incorrect letters/numbers or inappropriate spacing • Mouthed words, not letters • Hand bounced some
0-7: Some incorrect letters/numbers or inappropriate spacing • Mouthed letters • Hand bounced often

Preparation

Score: ____/20

- 19-20:** Used correct song(s) or scripture(s) for this year • Introduced self and selection • Appeared familiar with song and/or words • Signs flow with words
17-19: Used correct song(s) or scripture(s) • Introduced self and selection • Appeared familiar with song and/or words • Some signs didn't flow smoothly
15-17: Used correct song(s) or scripture(s) • Introduced self and selection • Appeared somewhat unfamiliar with song and/or words • Some signs didn't flow smoothly
0-15: May have used incorrect song or scripture • Needed to be reminded to introduce self and selection • Appeared somewhat unfamiliar with song and/or words • Sign flow was choppy

Movement

Score: ____/20

- 19-20:** Always used: • Correct movement of signs • Clear hand shapes • Correct palm orientation • Accurate location of signs • Clear transitions between signs
17-19: Usually used above list
15-17: Often used above list
0-15: Several unclear sign movements/hand shapes/transitions. Palm orientation/sign locations often incorrect.

Expression

Score: ____/20

- 19-20:** Excellent facial expression and body language used throughout
17-19: Appropriate facial expression and body language used most of the time
15-17: Minimal amount of facial expression and body language used
0-15: Lacked or used inappropriate facial expression and body language

Confidence

Score: ____/10

- 9-10:** Comfortable enough to make eye contact throughout • Appears to be relaxed and having fun
8-9: Made eye contact most of the time • Appears less relaxed but still having fun
7-8: Made eye contact some of the time • Somewhat nervous but still appears to be having fun
0-7: Very little or no eye contact • Appeared very nervous • May have stopped after making a mistake

Understandability

Score: ____/20

- 19-20:** Used correct concepts/meanings throughout • Always used appropriate placement/directional signs • Clear interpretation
17-19: Usually used correct concepts/meanings • Usually used appropriate placement/directional signs • Clear interpretation
15-17: Did not use correct concepts/meanings • Used appropriate placement/directional signs some of the time • Somewhat clear interpretation
0-15: Did not use correct concepts/meanings • Did not use appropriate placement/directional signs • Interpretation was unclear

PENALTIES (check any that apply):

___ Deduct 5 points if not wearing a solid color shirt contrasting with their skin tone.

Total Score: _____

3rd-6th grd: 0-69; 70-79; 80-89; 90-100
7th-12th grd: 0-74; 75-84; 85-94; 95-100

Evaluator's Comments: