



2024 Jr. Texas State Conference

"Claverism: Spring into God's Hands"

Friday, March 15, 2024 and Saturday, March 16, 2024

Information

for

Commanders, Counselors, & Parents



Gene A. Phillips, Jr
State Director

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Registration Fee	<p>\$75.00 (Please use unit check for payment.) There will be no refund of registration fees after February 16, 2024. No on-site registration.</p> <p>Registration due date is <u>February 16, 2024.</u></p>	
Conference Site	<p>Conference Location: St. Francis Xavier Church 4600 Reed Rd, Houston, TX 77051 March 15 – 16, 2004</p>	
Hotels	<p>Hotel Information: The Jr. Texas State Conference will not have a block of Hotels reserved for this year's conference. We suggest that Units needing accommodations use a booking service early, for hotels can be expensive and book up fast during these two dates due to the Houston Rodeo.</p>	
Mail or E-mail Registration Packets (no checks) to:	<p>Gene A. Phillips Jr. 6511 St. Stephen's Dr Austin, Texas 78746 gapmap@aol.com</p>	<p>Pat Pellerin 1315 Great Dover Circle Channelview, Texas 77530 ptpellerin@aol.com</p>
ONLY Mail Checks and a copy of the Registration Form to:	<p>Cortney Pichon (Jr. Knights) 13314 Baron Hill Ln. Rosharon, TX 77583 cortneypichon@gmail.com</p>	<p>Dr. Julie Guillory (Jr. Daughters) 2603 Hyland Park Houston, TX 77014 drjulieguillory@gmail.com</p>
Essays	<p>Should be written on theme - "Claverism: Spring into God's Hands"</p> <p>Guidelines regarding essays should be adhered to carefully. Deadline for submitting essays is March 1, 2024. Word minimums and maximums for essays should be adhered to accordingly: ages 7-9 (50 to 100 words); ages 10-12 (100 to 150 words); ages 13-15 (150 – 200 words); and ages 16-18 (250 to 300 words).</p> <p><u>All essays must be submitted electronically to State Director Phillips or State Directress Pellerin by the Commander or Counselor.</u></p>	
Debate Topic	<p>One combined team from each branch and court can enter to debate this topic:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Should College Be Free For Everyone"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Affirmative = Yes, they should; Negative = No, they should not)</p>	



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Arts and Crafts Photography	<p>They will be judged in age groups of (7-9), (10-12), (13-15) and (16-18). Categories will be painting / drawing, sculpture, photography, and crafts. Entries must be based upon the conference theme "Claverism: Spring into God's Hands"</p> <p>Name, age, branch/court number should be legibly printed on an index card. At the conference, each entry will be assigned a competition number. Bring all entries to the designated room for judging between 9:30 AM and 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 16, 2024.</p>
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EVENT	STARTS	ENDS
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024		
Conference Registration	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Joint Junior Board Meeting	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
High School Juniors & Seniors College Prep Reception (Hosted by Emerging Leaders)	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Talent Show / Poetry Competition	7:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
Dance	8:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2024		
Breakfast	7:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Joint Opening Session & Presentation	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Individual Business Sessions	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Competitions	10:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Lunch (Provided)	12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Claver Quiz Bowl/Debate	1:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
BREAK	2:30 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Individual Session (Voting)	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
BREAK	3:45 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Closing Joint Session	4:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
BREAK/Dress/Choir Rehearsal	4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Mass	5:00 PM	6:30 p.m.
Awards Presentation Reception	7:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
<i>**Times Subject to change</i>		



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DRESS CODE

Each branch and court will be responsible for making Juniors, chaperones and others aware of the rules and regulations (Code of Ethics), and the following Dress Code:

Jr. Daughters' Dress Code	Jr. Knight's Dress Code
<p>1. No shorts or cut-offs at anytime!</p>	<p>1. No shorts or cut-offs at anytime! Note: No facial jewelry of any kind is to be worn during the convention (i.e. tongue rings, earrings, etc.).</p>
<p>2. Friday Night Opening Attire</p> <p>Your Favorite KPC Shirt & Jeans</p>	<p>2. Friday Night Opening Attire</p> <p>Your favorite KPC Shirt & Jeans</p>
<p>3. Saturday Meeting Attire:</p> <p>a. Dress or skirt (should be fingertip length); b. Shoulders, back or midriff should be covered at all times; c. Pant suit (Capri Pant Suits are acceptable); d. Dress shoes (No sneakers or tennis shoes); and e. Stockings/socks are optional.</p>	<p>3. Saturday Meeting Attire:</p> <p>a. Shirt and necktie; b. Suit coat or blazer/jacket (optional); c. Dress shoes (No sneakers or tennis shoes); and d. Dress pants (No jeans).</p>
<p>5. Turn-out attire:</p> <p>a. White dress or white skirt (should be fingertip length with a white blouse); b. All white: shoes, purse, earrings, gloves, headpiece; and c. Flesh tone stockings are mandatory ...uniform</p>	<p>5. Turn-out attire:</p> <p>a. White shirt and black necktie; b. Black suit coat or blazer/jacket; c. Dress shoes (No sneakers or tennis shoes); and d. Jr. Knight sash.</p>

**** If the Dress Code is not adhered to, then you will not be allowed entrance into any event! ****



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Code of Ethics

1. Juniors and chaperones are to wear their conference badges at all times.
2. All Juniors are expected to be present at all meetings and activities.
3. All curfews must be followed. All juniors should be in their rooms immediately after the close of all evening events.
4. Adult chaperones will accompany Juniors at all times. If possible, chaperones should be members of the Knights of Peter Claver / Ladies Auxiliary Senior Division. The branch / court should provide adequate adult chaperones for the entire conference. There should be at least (1) chaperone per (3) Juniors.
5. **Alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, or other illegal drugs are not permitted at the conference. If you are caught in or around the usage of these drugs, your parents will be called to remove you from the conference premises. Special permission will be granted for Juniors taking special medication and this should be noted on the "Travel / Medical Release" form.**
6. Radios should be left at home because loud music is not allowed. Headphones will be allowed, but will not be the responsibility of the hotel or KPC. All valuables should be left at home or locked up in the hotel safe. KPC will not be responsible for any lost or stolen valuables.
7. Juniors are not allowed to leave the conference premises, unless accompanied by an adult chaperone (KPC Sr. Division member over 21 years of age – not a parent!)
8. During the day, in cases of co-visitation (committee meetings), the room door must remain open at all times. There should be NO other instances in which the room door should be closed. Co-visitation can only occur in the presence of the commander/counselor or the assistant commander/counselor.
9. Juniors should use a low, respectful voice/tone at all times (no loud talking or outbursts).
10. There should be no running and yelling and no playing in the lobby, hall between floors, or on the elevators. Respect for hotel guests must be given.
11. Respect should be given to all commanders, counselors, chaperones, assistant commander / counselor, and all senior members of KPC.
12. Juniors are expected to conduct themselves accordingly at all times in a manner that will be a credit to the organization. Good manners and proper attire will be expected.
13. Juniors caught damaging hotel property will have to pay any financial cost assessed by the hotel.
14. All adult chaperones are expected to conduct themselves in the proper manner that would display the fine character of our organization.
15. Conduct not adhering to the stated rules of the Conference will be investigated and a decision will be made as to the proper action that will be taken.
16. Swimming will not be permitted at any time during the conference.
17. The Code of Ethics (Rules and Regulations) will be binding on all Delegates, Chaperones, Commanders, Counselors and senior members attending the Convention.



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ESSAY RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Essays must be submitted on jump drive or be e-mailed to gapmap@aol.com or ptpellerin@aol.com by the Commander/Counselor.

I. Rules for Essay:

- A. All juniors may enter Essay competition.
- B. A cover sheet must be present with:
 - 1. Name of Junior
 - 2. Age of Junior
 - 3. Branch/Court number
- C. Essay must be written on theme of conference:

"Claverism: Spring into God's Hands"
- D. Essay may be legibly handwritten or typed.
- E. Essays will be judged on the following criteria:
 - 1. Theme
 - 2. Spelling
 - 3. Sentence structure
 - 4. Originality
 - 5. Punctuation
 - 6. Grammar
 - 7. Word usage
 - 8. Vocabulary
 - 9. Organization of Essay
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Body
 - c. Conclusion
- F. Length of paper should meet the following criteria:
 - 1. Ages 7-9 (50 to 100 words)
 - 2. Ages 10-12 (100 to 150 words)
 - 3. Ages 13-15 (150 – 200 words)
 - 4. Ages 16-18 (250 to 300 words)

**ANY PAPER EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF WORDS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY
DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING!**



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SCIENCE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No Junior may enter more than one science project.
2. The project must be current work of the Junior registered for the competition.
3. **The name of the Junior MUST APPEAR only on the back of the project with the Junior's Branch/Court name, number.**
4. Juniors MUST DEMONSTRATE to the judges, through written reports, pictures, charts, graphs, diagrams, that the research was accomplished. Juniors will not be present during judging.
5. No commercial models or kits will be allowed as exhibits.
6. No live animals, preserved animals, dangerous chemicals or equipment, cell cultures, and microorganisms may be exhibited at the competition. Pictures of research previously done may be used on the display.
7. All projects will be judged on Scientific thought, Creative Ability, Clarity, Experimental Design, Understanding, Dramatic Value, and Technical Skill.

Categories

(May only Enter One)

Astronomy

Behavioral Science

Biology Botany

Chemistry

Computer Applications

Earth / Space Science

Engineering

Environmental Science

Mathematics

Physics

Zoology

Prizes: All categories judged collectively as one contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded according to the following age groups: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, and 16-18.

Entry Forms need to be returned to the State Director or State Directress with registration materials.



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Science Competition Form

Project Title _____

Junior's Name _____

Age _____ Branch / Court Name _____

Junior's Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone # _____

1. Will your project require electricity? yes ___ no ___

(if yes, you will be required to provide at least 9ft of extension cord)

2. Entry Agreement: I enter this project at my own risk and will not hold the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. and the Jr. Texas State Conference – Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. responsible for the loss or damage to the exhibit or harm to myself. This project will not include any live or preserved animals. This project will not have nay potentially dangerous chemicals or equipment. It is my understanding that pictures may be displayed, if any of the above criteria has been done before the conference. I also agree to remove my project at the designate time. I understand that the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. and the Jr. Texas State Conference – Knights of Peter Claver, Inc., are not responsible for projects not picked up. I understand and have read all of the guidelines detailed in this packet.

Junior's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Commander's / Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____

Signatures are required on this entry form in order for project to be judged.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE



PROJECT NUMBER _____



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MATH RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The test will be (10) minutes in duration.
2. There will be a total of (25) twenty five problems which will also include word problems. Participants are to solve the problems in the order in which they appear. Problems skipped will be considered incorrect and all problems there after will not be counted. If a Junior is in the process of writing an answer when time is called, the problem immediately prior to this will be considered the last problem attempted.
3. ALL PROBELMS ARE TO BE SOLVED MENTALLY. Any indications that a Junior has violated this rule will result in disqualification of that Junior.
 - Participants must use a pencil without an eraser. Pencils will be provided.
 - No erasures or marks of any kind can be placed on the test paper. This includes tally marks and regrouping marks. NO CALCULATORS.
4. A figure will be considered illegible or a mark over and the answer ruled incorrect if two graders agree that the answer is illegible or a mark over.
5. Participants may not wear watches during the test. Official time will be kept by the time keeper.
6. Fractions may be expressed as either mixed numbers or improper fractions.
 - All fractions must be reduced to the lowest term (simplified) which is defined as numerator or denominator having no factors greater than one in common.
 - Any number which can be written as a whole number must be written as a whole number and not a fraction.
 - The word "and" will not be allowed in writing whole numbers. For example words must be written one hundred nine – not one hundred and nine.
 - Use of commas in writing numerals is optional. However, misplaced commas will be considered incorrect.
 - Use of hyphens in writing word names is optional.
7. Zeros behind a decimal point or in the ones place of a decimal number will be accepted as correct, but zeros leading a whole number will be considered incorrect. To write a word name for decimal, contestants will not be allowed to use "point" and the names of the digits.
8. Money amounts must be written as dollars and cents, a whole number of cents. Answer labels will indicate the form expected, \$_____ means the answer is given in dollars, and cents _____ means the answer is given in cents.
9. Metric measurements must be written as decimal numerals. Common fractions are not used in writing metric measurements.
10. To break a tie, the number of consecutive correct answers beginning with problem one (1) will be counted.
11. Tie breaker #2 will proceed with the number of consecutive correct answers beginning with the next correct answer.



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SPELLING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Each Branch and Court are allowed (4) contestants in each age group.

The Spelling Bee words have been selected from words that are Age / Grade Appropriate.

1. Words will be pronounced according to diacritical markings in the Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary 10th Edition.
2. PRONUNCIATION – If a word has two or more acceptable pronunciations, both pronunciations will be given by pronouncer.
3. Contestants are allowed to pronounce the word once before spelling it.
4. A contestant may request the pronouncer to repeat the word or use it in a sentence before beginning to spell the word.
5. Judges may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling.
6. A contestant may start over only once when spelling a word.
7. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant is eliminated from the contest. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next contestant.
8. **TIE BREAKER** – When the contestants are reduced to two, each are called a word on the pronouncer's list. If the competition utilizes all of the regular words, it moves to the tiebreaker list. A coin toss will determine the 1st speller. If the word is spelled correctly, that speller is the winner. If the word is misspelled, the 2nd speller has the opportunity to spell. If correct, that speller is the winner. However, if both spellers miss the word, the pronouncer is to continue until a winner is determined.

Protest

Questions relating to the spelling of a word should be referred to the judge immediately. A contestant should file a protest before receiving the next words. Any protest after a word has been given to the speller or another speller will not be accepted.

THE JUDGES DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL QUESTIONS.



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ARTS/CRAFTS & PAINTINGS/SCULPTURES* RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. Piece must depict conference theme:

Theme - "Claverism: Spring into God's Hands"

II. Judging shall include the following:

A. Originality of piece.

B. Clarity of piece.

C. Neatness

III. On the day of judging (March 16, 2024):

A. Piece must be in designated area between 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

B. A completed registration card must be filled out at conference.

C. NO JUNIOR NAME OR BRANCH/COURT NAME SHOULD APPEAR ANYWHERE ON PIECE. Each submission shall be assigned a competition number at the conference.

IV. Piece may be arts or crafts, and paintings or sculptures.

V. Both competitions (Arts/Crafts and Paintings/Sculptures) will award a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in age groups 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18.

** Includes Photography*



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DEBATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEBATE TOPIC: "Is online education as good as traditional offline education"

(Affirmative = Yes, they should; Negative = No, they should not.)

1. Each branch/court may enter only one 4-member team, each member must speak
Points will be taken away if the entire group does not participate.
Other members can be used for research or speech preparation.
2. The name of your team must be submitted by **March 1, 2024**.
3. All times must be followed as stated below, or the team could be disqualified:

EVENT	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Presentation of Position	3 min per Team	3 min per Team
Cross Examination	2 min per Team	2 min per Team
Rebuttal	2 min per Team	2 min per Team
Closing Statement	2 min per Team	2 min per Team

4. Definition of Events

Presentation of Position – Statements of facts relative to the affirmative or negative position that you are speaking on.

Cross Examination – Questions regarding statements made by opposite team members. Opposite Team member should respond to question with a brief answer.

Rebuttal – Team members give further clarification regarding questions that were asked or statements made by the opposing team.

Closing Statement – Team Members summarize their position.

5. Order of Debate

- Affirmative Presentation of Position Negative Cross Examination
- Negative Presentation of Position Affirmative Cross Examination
- Negative Rebuttal Affirmative Rebuttal
- Negative Closing Affirmative Closing

6. The validity of the quotes or statistics can only be challenged by the opposing teams, NOT the judges.

7. Judges will use the following as a basis for judging each team:

- a. Knowledge of subject
- b. Presentation of topic
- c. Use of Character/ Persuasive Power
- d. Analysis Techniques/Voice Quality
- e. Courtesy and respect for other team
- f. Rebuttal skills
- g. Group participation

8. Teams using Profanity or inappropriate language will be disqualified.

9. No team or team member will be allowed to sit in during another debate team's performance, until the final round.

10. Brackets for the debate tournament will be made available, prior to the start of the conference. Team placing will be determined by the pulling of a number. Therefore, all teams must be present at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the tournament.

11. Each team should be prepared to debate, upon completion of bracket placement. NO team will be allowed to alter their debate time, due to a lack of preparation.

12. Debating on pros/cons and affirmative/negative will be determined by the flipping of a coin.

BE PREPARED!



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TALENT SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION:

1. Registration form(s) must be received or post marked on or before the scheduled regular conference registration deadline. All three (3) registration forms (if needed) must be submitted along with regular conference registration materials.
2. Please submit all three (3) forms as follows:

Submit To:	Form Name:
State Director	Junior Branch Registration Form
State Directress	Junior Court Registration Form
State Director & State Directress Registration containing the names and ages of all members of the group should be submitted to both State Director and State Directress for verification of eligibility.	Combination Groups Registration Form

3. Please verify information on registration forms, especially branch and court numbers.
4. All performers must be Junior members in good standing and registered with the Texas State Junior Conference, subject to verification on the national roll. Pay your dues on time!
5. Juniors may enter only one event—singing, instruments, poetry, dancing, dramatic interpretation/comedy unless member of dance group and/or step performer.

RULES:

1. There will be no on-site registration unless accompanied by confirmation form. If a registered participant(s) is not available or cannot perform, substitutions will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. Each category will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. For the 2023 competition, only 4 entries per Unit will be allowed for Talent Show I and only 3 entries per Unit will be allowed for Talent Show II (Unit = Jr. Knights and Jr. Daughters combined).
3. Example:
1 (Singer) + 1 (Instrument) + 1 (Dance) + 1 Step Group = 4 Total Entries for Talent Show I;
and
1 (Poetry) + 1 (Dramatic Interpretation) + 1 (Poetry or Dramatic Interpretation) = 3 Total Entries for Talent Show II.

Talent Show I				
Category	<u>7-9</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	<u>16-18</u>
Singers				
Instruments				
Dance – Solo (individual)				
Dance – Group (2 or more)**				
Steppers	1 entry per Br/Ct			
4 Total Entries per Br/Ct				
Talent Show II				
Category	<u>7-9</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>13-15</u>	<u>16-18</u>
Poetry				
Comedian or Dramatic Interpretation				
3 Total Entries per Br/Ct				

The average age of all members of a group will be calculated to determine age placement.



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4. An official timekeeper will be on site to ensure that each act performs within set time limits. This person may be a member of the organization. **All acts are limited to 3 minutes (except the steppers will be allowed 4 minutes). Any act exceeding this time frame will be terminated and assessed an automatic 15-point deduction.** *We suggest that all acts practice to last no longer than 2 minutes and 30 seconds.*
5. There will be **NO** use of :
 - Profane Language (cursing, innuendo, etc.)
 - Improper dancing (freaky, erotic, etc.)
 - Obscene lyrics (gangster rap, degrading subject matter)
 - Improper Attire: **No obscene art or letter or clothing**
 - a). Females: No halter or tank tops without body suit
No cat suits without shirt or pants
No short-shorts, daisy dukes, etc.
No belly button exposure
No underwear exposure
 - b). Males: No underwear exposure
No tank tops
 - c). **Remember this is a Christian organization** and offensive tattoos, articles of clothing or attire in general should be taken into consideration when choosing costumes or clothing.
 - d). No body exposure from the neck to the knee, except the arms!
6. Performance(s) will be judged on the following categories on a scale of 0-5.
 - *Coordination *Manner *Appearance
 - *Connection to Theme *Creativity
7. Coaches, trainers, or help from the outside may not perform on stage and should not be a part of the act on the night of the talent show.
8. All participants using prerecorded music **must bring their selection on CD's. No personal cassette players will be allowed, one (with backup) will be provided.**
9. Poetry and Dramatic Interpretation must be at least a minute and not more than 2 minutes. Acts less than a minute will be disqualified. Please see definition of Poetry and Dramatic Interpretation under the definition section.

CHECK-IN

1. Check-in will start one hour before the competition (6:00 p.m.) and will end 60 minutes after the start of the contest (8:00 p.m.).
2. Participants should enter the designated ballroom at least 15 minutes before the start of the talent show.
3. Please have Talent Competition Confirmation Letter available.

NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced and awarded at the conference.



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Talent Show Vocabulary - Definitions

Profane language:	a). Characterized by contempt or disregard for God or Holy things, b). Ritually unclean or polluted, c). Cursing.
Improper dancing:	a). Not in accordance with accepted standards; not correct: wrong. b). Not suitable;
Obscene lyrics:	Offending modesty or decency; impure; filthy; vile.
Time Frame:	Limited amount of time given to a certain event or function.
Coordination:	To be equal in rank, importance, or degree. Harmonious functioning of parts (e.g., of dance) for most effective/pleasing results.
Style:	Fashion, mode, or form.
Appearance:	The action or process of appearing; an outward indication or showing.
Creativity:	Marked by the ability to create; inventive, imaginative, originality.
Tone:	Quality of pitch or sound.
Articulation:	Quality of clear vocalization, enunciation, eloquence or diction.
Connection to Theme:	Performance involves, emphasizes, and/or makes a connection to the Conference Theme.
Unit:	Another name for court(s) and branch(s).
Degrading:	a). To lower in moral or intellectual character, b). To reduce in worth or value, c). Having declined in moral qualities, d). Sexual Overtones.
Improper Attire:	a). Females: half tops, midriffs or mini shirts without body suit; cat suits without a skirt, shirt or pants; halter or tank tops without body suit; short-shorts, daisy dukes, etc.: belly button exposure; underwear exposure. b). Males: underwear exposure; tank tops.
Poetry	Poetry is an arrangement of lines with regular rhythm and often a definite rhyme scheme.
Dramatic Interpretation:	Is a cutting which represents one or more characters from a play of literary merit; material may also e drawn from stage, screen or radio. Lip singing would be considered singing. Motion to the words of a song would be considered dance (individual or group).



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Talent Show Vocabulary - Questions & Answers

1. How many acts per branch or court?
 - Each unit is limited to (7) acts (4 per Talent Show I; 3 per Talent Show II)
 - Only (1) one step group per unit.
 - The primary objective is to have the competition finish at a reasonable time.
2. Can coed groups perform?
 - Yes
3. Do the performers need to bring equipment?
 - Only the music or instrument they are playing other than a piano
 - All accompaniment music must be on CD.
 - The hotel will provide a piano; hopefully it will be tuned!
 - The hotel will provide two microphones.
 - If you need more than two microphones, you should contact the State Director or State Directress as needed due to the expense associated with the hotel rentals.
4. Who will be the judges?
 - We will try to have Non-Claver judges.
 - Invitations are going out to various local personalities as well as experts in the field, sports figures and celebrities.
 - Judges names will not be released until the night of the show for the protection of their privacy.
5. Where should the talent show registration be mailed?
 - Please see Registration #2.
 - The talent show registration should be forwarded to the State Director or State Directress for verification of eligibility.
6. How will the performers be grouped?
 - The participants will compete against their own age group per category.
 - Similar acts regardless of age will try to be spaced apart so that the show doesn't appear monotonous.
7. Why are there so many age categories?
 - We are trying to allow each member that has a desire to express their creativity to be judged against their own age grouping an effort to be fair.
8. Why can't an individual be in more than one event?
 - Better opportunity for more juniors to participate.
 - Monopolization of time, too many of the same people seen throughout the show.
9. Why no gymnastics?
 - Too dangerous.
 - Equipment set up takes too long.
 - Difficult to judge against dance.



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Knights of Peter Claver/Ladies Auxiliary Jr. Division is conducting its Annual Texas State Conference on March 15 - 16, 2024, in Houston, Texas at St. Francis of Xavier Catholic Church. To ensure that student participants arrive safely and in a timely manner, it will be necessary for them to miss ½ day or 1 full day of school. The student will be absent on Friday, March 15, 2024. He/She should return to school on Monday, March 18, 2024 or following the end of the Spring Break, depending on the school districts' schedule. We ask that you please allow the student the opportunity to make-up all missed assignments upon his/her return.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Claver Family and Friends,

The Junior Knights and Junior Daughters of the Knights of Peter Claver is a National Catholic Youth Organization that has as one of its goal—Service to Mankind. We have local units throughout the State of Texas. These units come together annually to meet and enhance our organization and its goals. This conference, which is called The Junior Texas State Conference, will be held on March 15 - 16, 2024, at St. Francis of Xavier Catholic Church in Houston, Texas.

The scholarship could not have been possible without the support of our many donors. We ask for your support in assisting us in a successful scholarship program in 2024. The Junior Texas State Conference Souvenir Booklet funds our scholarship program. We ask that you please purchase or sell advertisements for our Souvenir Book. This year, a new feature has been added. **High school seniors are encouraged to place their picture in the Souvenir Book, along with the name of their high school and college they plan to attend.**

The deadline for submitting ad and money is March 1, 2024. Please mail information and check to Director Phillips or Directress Pellerin.

The cost of the ad spaces is the following:

Full Page Advertisement	\$125.00
One-half Page Advertisement	\$ 75.00
One-fourth Page Advertisement	\$ 45.00
¼ Page High School Senior Picture	\$ 30.00
Business Cards	\$ 30.00
Gold Patron Line	\$ 10.00
Silver Patron Line	\$ 5.00
Inside Front & Back Cover	\$250.00
Outside Back Cover	\$300.00

This money is 100% tax deductible.

Checks are to be made payable to 'Knights of Peter Claver'". When you contribute towards our annual scholarship program, you invest in the future of our youth. We are most grateful for your support.

Appreciatively yours,

Gene "Trey" Phillips, III
Jr. Knight Texas State President

Madison Lemmond & Alaina Jones
Jr. Daughter Texas State President / President

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CONFERENCE TRAVEL RELEASE & MEDICAL INFORMATION

I, _____, a member of the Junior Division of _____
_____ Parish belonging to Junior Division # _____ am requesting permission to travel
with my prospective Junior Division.

I, along with my parent(s)/guardian(s) understand that the Junior Knight Commander/Junior
Daughter Counselor, Assistants, and Chaperones have the right to take necessary actions on my
behalf to ensure protection of the entire Junior Group, for which I represent. I understand that the
Knights of Peter Claver, Inc, the Knights of Peter, Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, the Junior Knight
Commander, Junior Daughter Counselor, Assistant(s), and Chaperones will not be held responsible or
liable for any accident(s) that may occur. In the event that an emergency medical treatment or
surgery in any duly licensed hospital by a qualified physician or hospital staff member, should the
need arise.

Printed Name of PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name of JUNIOR Member

(____) ____ - ____
Home Telephone Number

(____) ____ - ____
Emergency Contact Number

MY CHILD WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING MEDICATION(S) ON THIS TRIP:

(PLEASE NOTE PRESCRIPTION AS WELL AS OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS. PLEASE GIVE THESE MEDICATIONS TO THE JUNIOR
KNIGHT COMMANDER/JUNIOR DAUGHTER COUNSELOR. DO NOT LEAVE IN THE CHILDS POSSESSION).

MEDICATION(S) INCLUDE DOSAGE AND TIME TO BE GIVEN: (Please note last dose given)

Medication Name	Dosage(Amount to be given)	Times to be taken/last dose given

Current Physicians Name

(____) ____ - ____
Area Code/Phone Number

Medical Insurance Name/Policy #

Name of Company in charge of policy

Current/Past Medical History

Diagnosed Allergies: _____

Please list any current illnesses and date of onset: _____

Please list any past major illnesses or SURGERY: _____

NOTARY SEAL

Completed on the ____ Day ____ Month ____ Year
____ County and Witnessed by



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Junior Knight Scholarship Program Application and Information

2024 Guidelines

1. The applicant must be in good standing with the Junior Knights of Peter Claver.
2. The applicant must be a graduating senior from a Senior High School.
3. The application must be postmarked and mailed to the State Director no later than **March 1, 2024**.
4. The applicant must submit a complete High School Transcript to the State Director **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2024**. The transcript should indicate grade point average, class rank, and anticipated date of graduation.
5. Describe your accomplishments and achievements as a Jr. Knight in 250 words or less.
6. Submit evidence of extra curricular activities, community activities, honors, and awards.
7. You must submit a letter of recommendation from a Jr. Knight Commander, a high school teacher, counselor, pastor at your parish, or a Senior Knight from your Council.
8. Evidence of need is a requirement. This scholarship cannot replace another scholarship.
9. If a Jr. Knight receives a scholarship(s) that encompasses all financial costs/obligations to that particular college/institution then the above referenced Jr. Knight shall forfeit receipt of the annual Jr. Knight scholarship. Therefore, the next qualified applicant for the Annual Jr. Knight Scholarship shall be eligible to receive it.

*****APPLICATION IS DUE BY **March 1, 2024**.

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Texas State Conference Junior Knight Scholarship Evaluation Form

The application with the highest score will be awarded the scholarship. Should more than one applicant have the highest score, the scholarship will be divided equally.

Please utilize the following scale to rate the applicants. Each section will be rated on a scale of 1 to 5. The maximum score is 15.

Academics

Courses taken, class rank, and grade point average.

On a 4.0 Scale

1pt	up to 2.0 GPA
2pts	2.1 to 2.4 GPA
3pts	2.5 to 2.9 GPA
4pts	3.0 to 3.4 GPA
5pts	3.5 GPA and over

On a 5.0 scale

1pt	up to 2.4 GPA
2pts	2.5 to 3.1 GPA
3pts	3.2 to 3.6 GPA
4pts	3.7 to 4.2 GPA
5pts	4.2 GPA and over

Evidence of Versatility

Extra curricular, community activities, honors, and awards.

One (1) point will be given for each activity, up to a maximum of 5 points. Specific information must be given for each activity. The Commander will validate the activity.

Junior Knight Achievement

Honors, awards, participation in functions, etc...

One (1) point will be given for each achievement, up to a maximum of 5 points. Specific information must be given for each achievement. The commander will validate the achievement.



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ANNUAL JUNIOR KNIGHT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A \$1,000.00 Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant with the highest point total. The scholarship will be given to the Junior Knight and the college or technical school of the Junior Knight's choice.

1. Name _____
Last First Middle

2. _____
Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number Email Address

3. Date of Birth _____
Month Day Year

4. School you plan to attend _____

5. Major Field of interest _____

Signature _____
Student's Signature

Date _____



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Texas State Conference Junior Daughter Scholarship Evaluation Form

The application with the highest score will be awarded the scholarship. Should more than one applicant have the highest score, the scholarship will be divided equally.

Please utilize the following scale to rate the applicants. Each section will be rated on a scale of 1 to 5. The maximum score is 15.

Academics

Courses taken, class rank, and grade point average.

On a 4.0 Scale

1pt	up to 2.0 GPA
2pts	2.1 to 2.4 GPA
3pts	2.5 to 2.9 GPA
4pts	3.0 to 3.4 GPA
5pts	3.5 GPA and over

On a 5.0 scale

1pt	up to 2.4 GPA
2pts	2.5 to 3.1 GPA
3pts	3.2 to 3.6 GPA
4pts	3.7 to 4.2 GPA
5pts	4.2 GPA and over

Evidence of Versatility

Extra curricular, community activities, honors, and awards.

One (1) point will be given for each activity, up to a maximum of 5 points. Specific information must be given for each activity. The Commander will validate the activity.

Junior Daughter Achievement

Honors, awards, participation in functions, etc...

One (1) point will be given for each achievement, up to a maximum of 5 points. Specific information must be given for each achievement. The commander will validate the achievement.



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JUNIOR TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY JUNIOR DAUGHTER DIVISION

ONE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT OF AWARDS:

1. Must have a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above based on 4.0 system to qualify for the scholarship.
2. Must be a graduating senior.
3. Must attend at least 7 Junior Court Meetings for the current year.
4. Attend the Texas State Junior Conference in the current year.
5. Must have an official high school transcript indicating current GPA, HONOR CLASSES, and DATE OF GRADUATION AND CLASS RANK. Transcript should be mailed **directly to the State Directress from the school by March 4, 2023.**
6. Must be a Junior Daughter in the Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary.
7. Must write a summary paper describing your accomplishments as a Junior Daughter and detailing any Church or Community activities in 400 words or less.
8. Must submit a letter from Junior Daughter Counselor, Parish Priest, Senior Grand Lady and High School Teacher.
9. All items except transcript must be mailed together including the application to the State Directress by **March 4, 2023.**

AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. The scholarship committee will review all applications. The Jr. Court must sale \$250.00+ in advertisements in order for a Jr. Daughter to qualify for the scholarship
2. One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded. In the event of a tie, the scholarship money will be divided equally.
3. Applicant must request (in writing) the scholarship with a copy of payment receipt from the college or university.
4. Scholarship money will be mailed directly to the college or university in the recipient's name.



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JUNIOR DAUGHTER DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

TYPE OR PRINT

DATE _____

NAME _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____
(MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)

GPA _____ SAT/ACT SCORE _____ CLASS RANK _____

UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAJOR FIELD OF INTEREST

ITEMS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION

1. A SUMMARY PAPER (400 WORDS OR LESS) SEE CRITERIA SHEET
2. LETTER FROM YOUR JUNIOR DAUGHTER COUNSELOR
3. LETTER FROM PARISH PRIEST
4. LETTER FROM SENIOR GRAND LADY
5. LETTER FROM HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

A COPY OF AN OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT OR REPORT THAT MUST HAVE THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL SEAL AND MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE. Transcript should be mailed **directly to the State Directress from the school** by March 1, 2024.

*****APPLICATION IS DUE BY **March 1, 2024.**

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