

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. <http://goo.gl/forms/A0zqKHLzDR>

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 March 10, 2020. USE the online signing form to make your selection by March 10, 2020. <http://goo.gl/forms/A0zqKHLzDR>

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 Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced experience levels that a student can choose to participate in.

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

Is the student's experience level Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced?

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

- Beginning Level: Participant will sign one song or one scripture of their choice from list below:

Beginner - Level 1^[1]_[SEP]

See list on below

Intermediate Level: Participant will learn all the following songs and scriptures from the list below. At convention the participant will be asked to sign any one song or any one scripture from the list below:

Intermediate - Level 2a^[1]_[SEP]

See list below

Advanced Level: Participant will learn all of the following songs and scriptures. At convention, the participant will be asked to sign any one song and any one scripture from the list below:

Advanced - Level 3

^[1]_[SEP] **See 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 March 10, 2020. <http://goo.gl/forms/A0zqKHlzDR>

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. For intermediate and advanced signing, once the evaluator has chosen the selection, no changes will be made in the selection. 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	Gold = 90	Silver = 80	Bronze = 70	Participant = 69
Level 3-6	to 100	to 89	to 79	& less
Grade	Gold = 95	Silver = 85	Bronze = 75	Participant = 74
Level 7-12	to 100	to 94	to 84	& less

AWARDS:

EVALUATION CRITERIA: (last page)

Additional required signing form: <http://goo.gl/forms/A0zqKHlzDR>

2020 LTC Beginners Signing

Pick one song or scripture to sign at convention

"Blessings"

- We pray for blessings, we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

- Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

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2020 LTC Beginners Signing (Cont.)

2 Samuel 22:17-18 (NIV)

- ¹⁷“He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
he drew me out of deep waters.
¹⁸He rescued me from my powerful enemy,
from my foes, who were too strong for me.

2 Samuel 5:1-2 (NIV)

- ¹ All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. ² In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’”

2020 LTC Intermediate Signing

One of these will be drawn at random for you to sign at convention

"Blessings"

- We pray for blessings, we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love
As if every promise from Your word is not enough
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

- Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace **(continues on next page)**

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

[2x]

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

2 Samuel 22:17-19 (NIV)

- ¹⁷“He reached down from on high and took hold of me;

he drew me out of deep waters.

¹⁸ He rescued me from my powerful enemy,

from my foes, who were too strong for me.

¹⁹ They confronted me in the day of my disaster,

but the LORD was my support.

2020 LTC Advanced Signing

One of the songs and one of the scriptures will be drawn at random for you to sign at convention

"Blessings"

- We pray for blessings, we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love
As if every promise from Your word is not enough
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know the pain reminds this heart
That this is not
This is not our home

It's not our home

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near

What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life-
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise

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"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

- Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

[2x]

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

2 Samuel 22:17-20 (NIV)

- ¹⁷“He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
he drew me out of deep waters.
¹⁸ He rescued me from my powerful enemy,
from my foes, who were too strong for me.
¹⁹ They confronted me in the day of my disaster, **(continues on next page)**

but the LORD was my support.

²⁰ He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

2 Samuel 5:1-3 New International Version (NIV)

- ¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. ²In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’” ³When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

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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: