

# HOW TO PREPARE

NOTE TO SCHOOL STAFF: It is suggested that you copy this page, along with the rules and judging criteria for the particular event, and distribute them to students preparing for Student Convention.

## 1. **Select Your Event**

The A.C.E. Student Convention programs include many events in various divisions. Choose those events that will best develop your talents and gifts for Christian service. (Read Contestant Guidelines very carefully for proper selection.) Your parents and supervisors may also suggest new areas where they see potential in your life.

**Note: All vocal and written entries must be in the English language. Any Bible quotes must be from the King James Version (not New King James Version).**

## 2. **Plan and Schedule**

Consider using an A.C.E. Goal Card to track your preparation. A wise man said, “Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.”

## 3. **Get Input**

When you have selected your event(s), seek the advice of Godly adults in your family and church who have expertise in your area. Also, consider contacting professionals in this area for input (photographer, music teacher, and so on).

## 4. **Practice**

It is best to practice in a setting similar to actual competition. Consider asking for permission to practice before a group. Not only will this accustom you to performing before a group, it will help you test the effectiveness of your entry.

## 5. **Pray**

As you prepare, pray that your performance will bring glory to the Lord. Also, pray that the Student Conventions will be a blessing to you and the others who attend. Pray that lives will be transformed and that many will commit their lives to service.

## 6. **Do Your Best**

“Good, better, best, let’s never rest, until our good is better, and our better is best.” The results will never exceed the investment.

## 7. **Have Confidence**

Don’t think that you can’t do well in competition. What counts is your commitment to practice. Some of the most outstanding winners have come from homeschools or small schools of only a few high school-age students.