

Number	Entry	Category	Registration Requirements
<b>502</b>	<b>Music Arranging</b>	<b>Early Entry, Display</b>	Sign up on student registration form. Submit for pre-judging. Dates on website.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF ACCEPTABLE MUSIC FOR EXCEL CONVENTION COMPETITION

The intent of music competition is to encourage students to develop their musical ability and apply their musical talents to Christian values. Competition arrangements are to be Christian, patriotic, or classical rather than secular. Music must be appropriate for a typical Pentecostal church service. EXCEL recognizes the wide spectrum of "acceptable" music among Pentecostals and strives to accommodate distinctive styles from different churches represented. EXCEL does not necessarily endorse music performed during competition. Judges will evaluate contestant compliance to criteria on the judge's form without prejudice for or against any particular style of Christian music.

## MUSIC ARRANGING RULES

Musical arranging is a category designed to allow an original melody to be set to new harmonies or a new format. Depending on the copyright date of the original song, and the laws in effect in your State, you may wish to contact the copyright owner of the song for permission to write an arrangement of his/her song, especially if you plan to mass produce or publish your arrangement in the future.

## RULES

**Time Limit:** 8 minutes

**Format:** A song may be put in any vocal, keyboard, or instrumental arrangement (i.e., choir, ensemble, piano, or band arrangement).

**Required Materials:** Sheet Music, Recording

-The entry in its entirety must be the original work of the student, except for the actual melody.

-Sound track of the score as written must be recorded and submitted to aid the judges, but the arrangement will be judged, not the recording.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

## POSSIBLE POINTS

<b>Subject:</b> Music is appropriate to the purpose of the WCA Convention.	10
<b>Blend:</b> Instruments selected are complementary and create a pleasing sound together.	20
<b>Balance:</b> Melody is in proper balance with supporting music.	20
<b>Mood:</b> Arrangement is appropriate to the theme of the song.	10
<b>Creativity:</b> Unique elements are introduced which create fresh interest in the song.	20
<b>Accuracy:</b> Does the sound track match the score?	10
<b>Quality of workmanship:</b> Is the score neat and legible?	10

**Total Points 100**