



**Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated
And
Top Teens of America**

34th AREA III LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**Theme: “Continuing our Commitment to Provide
Premier Service, Growth and Programming”**

TOP TEENS OF AMERICA AWARDS

**The Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center Chicago North Shore
Skokie, Illinois**

March 11 - 14, 2010

AWARDS ENTRIES MUST BE IN THE DESIGNATED ROOM*

BY 12 Noon, FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010

(*Room location will be posted in the Registration Area)

**Lady Emily J. Jones, National Area III Director
Lady Emelda Isabelle, Awards Committee Chairman
Lady Mamie Hughes, Awards Committee Co-Chairman**



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Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated
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Conference Theme: “Continuing our Commitment to Provide Premier Service, Growth and Programming”

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I. JUDGING

All judging in all categories will be done by outside judges.

II. SYN-LOD COMPETITION

- A. Only the Area Conference 2010 first place winner for Top Lady of the Year will be eligible to enter the Syn-Lod 2011 competition...

Your Scrapbook entry for the 2010 Area III Conference will only be judged at the Area III level but must adhere to the National guidelines criteria for both The Willie Lee Glass Award and The Ozell Dean Award and cover the period from March 2009-March 2010 .

- B. Only the winner of the Scrapbook entry for 2011 will advance to Syn-Lod 2011. There can only be one winner for each award to advance to Syn-Lod Competition. There can be no ties.

III. SCRAPBOOKS

All scrapbooks submitted for judging at Area & Syn-Lod must adhere to the following criteria. Entries that do not meet these specifications may be disqualified!

- A. Emphasis should be placed on the five Thrusts. (Briefly in no more than fifty words describe each program and/or project.)
- B. Chapter Scrapbooks for Top Teens must not be larger than 16 X 20 inches and must not weigh more than 30 pounds.
- C. All scrapbooks must contain a table of contents page and all pages within the Scrapbook must be numbered.
- D. Top Teen of the Year scrapbooks must not be larger than 13 X 15 inches and must not weigh more than 10 pounds.
- E. Top Teen of the Year scrapbooks must contain a letter of endorsement from the chapter.
- F. All scrapbooks must be constructed so that pages will lay flat when turned. Each entry must be bound so there are no loose pages.
- G. All Chapter scrapbook covers must display the chapter's name, year and Conference Theme.

IV. PORTFOLIOS

All portfolios submitted for judging at Area & Syn-Lod must adhere to the following criteria. Entries that do not meet these specifications may be disqualified!

- A. Portfolios must not be larger than 13 X 15 and must be no more than ten (10) pages front to back.
- B. All portfolios must be constructed so that pages will lay flat when turned. Each entry must be bound so there are no loose pages.

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- C. All portfolios must contain a table of contents page and all pages within the portfolios must be numbered.
- D. Portfolio Outside Cover must display the Entrant's Name, Chapter and year.

V. TITLE PAGE

The Following information must be clearly defined on the TITLE PAGE
(First page when ENTRY is opened):

- A. CHAPTER NAME – Include City, State
- B. CHAPTER PRESIDENT – Full Name
- C. TOP TEEN ADVISOR – Full Name
- D. NAME OF AWARD
- E. Year Submitted
- F. FULL NAME OF NOMINEE – If Applicable
- G. Conference Theme:
“Continuing our Commitment to Provide Premier Service, Growth and Programming”

If these items are not VISIBLE, points will be deducted from total points awarded in other areas.

VI. SPECIAL AWARDS

- A. Attendance awards will be presented to the chapter
 1. With the highest percentage of members Ladies and Lords registered for the conference. (Host Chapters are excluded).
 2. With highest percentage of Top Teens registered for the conference. (Host Chapters are excluded).
- B. The speaker's tournament, essay, scholarship and service competitions are cash awards. See the forms for details.
- C. **TEENS MAY RECEIVE ONLY ONE CASH AWARD.**
- D. **THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE ENTRY PER CATEGORY PER CHAPTER.**

VII. DEADLINES

- A. Award entry forms must be postmarked by Saturday, February 20, 2010.
- B. Books for judging must be in the designated room no later than Noon on Friday, March 12, 2010. The room location will be posted in the Registration Area.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

CHAPTERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE GUIDELINES.

AREA III TOP TEEN AWARDS ENTRY FORM

Chapter _____

President's Signature _____

Please check all award categories your chapter plans to enter:

- _____ Area Director's March of Dimes Award
- _____ Edna Murray Scholarship Award
- _____ Jacquelyn Crawford TTA Scrapbook Award
- _____ Sharon Carpenter Outstanding TTA Chapter Award
- _____ Joanne Gray Mr. & Miss Top Teen Award
- _____ Doris Johnson Essay Contest
- _____ Andrea Harris TTA Community Service Award
- _____ Oteal Gilmore Talent Competition
- _____ Ruth Payne Smith Speakers' Tournament
- _____ Mattie Stanton Top Teen of the Year Award
- _____ Carol J. Harris Outstanding TTA Chapter President Award

1. **RETURN THIS FORM ONLY BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010 TO:**

Retain a copy for your records.

Lady Emelda Isabelle ~ Area III Awards Committee Chairman
130 156th Place
Calumet City, Illinois 60409
Home – 708-801-9804 Fax: 708-832-0984
Ladyemelda8@hotmail.com

2. **BRING ALL AWARDS ENTRIES TO THE CONFERENCE AND PLACE THEM IN THE DESIGNATED AREA BY NOON, FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010.**

3. **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010 AND SENT TO:**

Lady Donna Simpson Leak
Area III Scholarship Chairman
17744 Cambridge
Flossmoor, Illinois 60422

4. **TTA AWARD FORMS SHOULD BE MAILED TO AREA III TTA ADVISOR BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

Lady Vivian Mays
Area III TTA Advisor
2127 West Roosevelt Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209-6323

TTA AWARDS

1. Mattie Stanton Top Teen of the Year Award
2. Area Directors March of Dimes Award
3. Edna Murray Scholarship Award*
4. Jacquelyn Crawford TTA Scrapbook Award
5. Sharon Carpenter Outstanding TTA Chapter Award
6. Joanne Gray Mr. & Miss Top Teen Award
7. Doris Johnson Essay Contest
8. Andrea Harris TTA Community Service Award
9. Oteal Gilmore Talent Competition
10. Ruth Payne Smith Speakers' Tournament
11. Carol J. Harris Outstanding TTA Chapter President Award

MATTIE STANTON AWARD (TOP TEEN OF THE YEAR AWARD)

Presented to an outstanding Top Teen who has demonstrated extraordinary service to Top Teens of America and the community.

MEDIUM ~ PORTFOLIO

Please adhere to guidelines and criteria stated on pages 3 and 4

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- C. TOP TEEN ADVISOR – Full Name
- D. NAME OF AWARD
- E. Year Submitted
- F. FULL NAME OF NOMINEE – If Applicable
- G. Conference Theme:
“Continuing our Commitment to Provide Premier Service, Growth and Programming”

GUIDELINES

The applicant must:

- § Be an active Top Teen in a chapter that is in good standing at the Area and National levels.
 - § Be an active member of a TTA chapter for at least two years.
 - § Demonstrate qualities to represent the organization at any private or public function.
 - § Provide a portfolio of community activities (no more than ten 8 ½ x 11 pages -front to back).
1. Portfolio must include involvement in TTA activities.
 2. Do not send items that need to be returned.
 3. First page must include information requested above.
 4. Second page must be application.
 5. Portfolio must include table of contents, news articles, copies of programs and two letters of reference.
 6. The time frame is four (4) years.
 7. Each chapter should submit no more than one candidate.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Service to TTA (local, area, national)	50 points
Civic and charitable activities	20 points
Significant honors and awards	15 points
Documentation	15 points
TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS	100 points

The area winner will be submitted to National as part of the Area Director's Annual Report

	AWARD
WINNER	Gold Medallion and Certificate
1st Runner Up	Silver Medallion and Certificate
2nd Runner Up	Bronze Medallion and Certificate

AREA DIRECTOR'S MARCH OF DIMES AWARD

Presented to the Area III Chapter for outstanding March of Dimes activities.

MEDIUM ~SCRAPBOOK

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- D. NAME OF AWARD
- E. Year Submitted
- F. FULL NAME OF NOMINEE – If Applicable
- G. Conference Theme:

“Continuing our Commitment to Provide Premier Service, Growth and Programming”

GUIDELINES

- 1. First page should be a Title Page – See Above
- 2. Second Page (and additional pages) should describe activities for implementation of the TLOD/March of Dimes Healthy Choices Project – See Form.
- 3. List all other March of Dimes Projects you wish considered.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 4. All Documentation should be contained in a scrapbook.
- 1. Ten (10) points will be awarded for each March of Dimes project.
- 2. Two (2) points will be awarded for each project documented by newspaper, letter, program, etc.
- 3. Highest number of points determines the winners.

AWARDS

FIRST PLACE
SECOND PLACE
THIRD PLACE

Plaque
Certificate
Certificate

AREA DIRECTORS MARCH OF DIMES AWARD — Healthy Choices Project Form

Chapter _____ TTA Advisor _____

Ten points for each March of Dimes project and two points for documentation will be awarded.
Describe activities below. (**Documents should be contained in scrapbook**).

1. Did your chapter implement the TLOD/March of Dimes Healthy Choices Project?

NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES
1. March of Dimes Healthy Choices	

2. Other March of Dimes Projects (List below. Number each Project – Documentation for each project should be contained in scrapbook). **THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED AS NEEDED.**

NAME OF PROJECT	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	

EDNA MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

EVALUATION CRITERIA

PURPOSE

To provide talented high school seniors with additional opportunities to continue study above the high school level. Scholarship recipients are chosen on the basis of their high school records, character, leadership abilities, talents, community involvement and financial need.

Scholarship recipients may attend any accredited college, university or technical school of their choice within the United States and may select any course of study. The choice should be guided by the student's evaluation of his or her interests, needs, character and abilities.

QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS

- A citizen of the United States
- A senior in a public, parochial, or private secondary school planning to enroll in a college, university, or technical school in the fall of the current year.
- A student who has selected an accredited school for continuing learning and meets all entrance requirements of the selected school.
- Possesses at least a B average.
- Has filed a completed copy of an application for scholarship with the Scholarship Committee Chairperson of Area III Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., by February 15, 2010.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Each applicant must be a Top Teens member and obtain a scholarship application from his or her local Top Teens Sponsor or TLOD Chapter President.
2. All items on the application form must be completed and all necessary materials filed.
3. All scholarship applicants' materials must be postmarked by February 15, 2010 and sent to the Area Scholarship Committee Chairman.

The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be announced in March at the Area III Conference. Each scholarship award becomes official when the recipient is enrolled in college or the advanced school of choice.

The Awards are paid directly to the college in which the recipient is enrolled to be credited to his or her account. Scholarship recipients are to provide proof of enrollment information to the Area III Director so that authorization can be made to release checks to the college/schools.

AWARDS

1st Place	\$1,500
2nd Place	\$1,000
3rd Place	\$ 500

List two (2) persons (names and addresses) not relatives, who will submit recommendations for you as to your needs, character, etc. Please identify their relationship to you and attach recommendations.

1. _____
Name Address Relationship

2. _____
Name Address Relationship

Attach a recommendation from your high school counselor or teacher noting character, personality traits, needs, special talents, etc., and a copy of your high school transcript.

Write at least 100 words stating your needs, why you want to attend college and how this scholarship could assist you for preparation for your future educational career. Remember to respond specifically to the essay instructions, and specifically about Top Teens of America activities. Please attach additional sheets as needed.

Applicant's Signature

Chapter Top Teen Advisor's Signature

Scholarship recipients' checks will be made payable to the college or university in which the student is enrolled.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Action Taken _____ Accepted () Denied () Canceled () Date _____
Month Year

COMMENTS: _____

Date Requested _____ Date Received _____

Area III Scholarship Chairman Lady Donna Simpson Leak Area III Scholarship Chairman 17744 Cambridge Flossmoor, Illinois 60422 708-991-7468	National Area III Director Lady Emily J. Jones 1620 Fox Bend Court Naperville, Illinois 60563
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Due: Monday, February 15, 2010

JACQUELYN CRAWFORD TTA SCRAPBOOK AWARD

Presented to a TTA Chapter for Outstanding Scrapbook

MEDIUM ~ SCRAPBOOK

Please adhere to guidelines and criteria stated on pages 3 and 4

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- E. Year Submitted
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- G. Conference Theme:
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If these items are not clear, points will be deducted from total points awarded in other areas.

GUIDELINES

1. The Scrapbook should cover only one year. (March 2009 to March 2010).
2. All work is to be done only by Top Teens with the supervision of the TTA Advisor.
3. Use of the Conference Theme is mandatory.
4. The contents of the Scrapbook must include the TTA Program of Work.
5. See pages three (3) and four (4) for Area III Scrapbook Criteria.
6. **Your Scrapbook entry for Area III must adhere to the National guidelines for the Georgia Presswood Nelson Award.**

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Cover Originality		5 Points
Layout		10 Points
Carrying out the Theme	2 Points	
Labeling of Materials	2 Points	
Organization	2 Points	
Table of Contents	2 Points	
Page Numbers	2 Points	
Program Involvement: Based on National Program of Work		85 Points
Senior Citizens	10 Points	
Status of Women	10 Points	
Beautification	10 Points	
Mentoring Program	10 Points	
Civic and Social Involvement	10 Points	
March of Dimes/Healthy Choices	10 Points	
NAACP	5 Points	
UNCF	5 Points	
Local Induction	5 Points	
Area Conference Attendance	5 Points	
Sickle Cell Foundation	3 Points	
TLOD Literacy Program	2 Points	
Total Maximum Points		100 Points

AWARDS

**FIRST PLACE
SECOND PLACE
THIRD PLACE**

**PLAQUE
CERTIFICATE
CERTIFICATE**

SHARON CARPENTER OUTSTANDING TTA CHAPTER AWARD

Presented to a TTA Chapter for Outstanding Overall Performance

GUIDELINES

The TTA Annual Report will be used along with chapter scrapbook to evaluate the chapter's overall program for the year and in determining the Outstanding TTA Chapter Award. The TTA Annual Report should be in narrative form and cover activities of the chapter from March 2009 to March 2010. All pictures and newspaper clippings should be included in your scrapbook, not in your Annual Report. All dates on the newspaper articles should be clearly visible.

MEDIUM ~ END OF YEAR ANNUAL TTA CHAPTER REPORT

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- F. Conference Theme:
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

I. <u>Implementation of National TTA Program Activities</u>	30 Points
A. Top Teens of America Program – MOMENTUM	5 Points
Exceptional	5 points
Above Average	4 points
Average	3 Points
Below Average	2 Points
Minimum	1 Point
B. TTA/TLOD Mentoring Program	5 Points
Exceptional	5 points
Above Average	4 points
Average	3 Points
Below Average	2 Points
Minimum	1 Point

C.	March of Dimes Walk America		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
D.	Healthy Choices Youth Conference		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
E.	Sickle Cell Projects		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
F.	Literacy Projects		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	

II. Chapter Involvement in TLOD Program of Work -- A variety of programs **20 Points**
 (projects organized and supervised by TLOD nationally and totally in the thrust areas.)

A.	Senior Citizens		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
B.	Status of Women		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	

C.	Community Beautification		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
D.	Community Partnerships		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	

III. Involvement in TLOD Special Local and National Projects 30 Points

A.	NAACP		6 Points
	Exceptional	6 points	
	Above Average	5 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
B.	NCNW		6 Points
	Exceptional	6 points	
	Above Average	5 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
C.	UNCF		6 Points
	Exceptional	6 points	
	Above Average	5 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
D.	TLOD Literacy		6 Points
	Exceptional	6 points	
	Above Average	5 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	

E.	Sickle Cell Initiative		6 Points
	Exceptional	6 points	
	Above Average	5 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	

IV. Activities within TTA 20 Points

A.	Area Conference attendance and participation		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
B.	Local Inductions		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
C.	Scholarship and Awards Participation		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	
D.	Civic and Social Community involvement		5 Points
	Exceptional	5 points	
	Above Average	4 points	
	Average	3 Points	
	Below Average	2 Points	
	Minimum	1 Point	

AWARDS

FIRST PLACE	PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE	CERTIFICATE
THIRD PLACE	CERTIFICATE

JOANNE GRAY MR. & MISS TOP TEEN AWARD

Presented to the male and female Top Teen who best exemplifies the ideals of Top Teens of America.

MEDIUM ~ SCRAPBOOK

Character reference (must be obtained from an active TLOD local chapter member)

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- E. Year Submitted
- F. FULL NAME OF NOMINEE – If Applicable
- G. Conference Theme:
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If these items are not clear, points will be deducted from total points awarded in other areas.

GUIDELINES

- 1. Title Page – First Page of Scrapbook – See Above
- 2. Application should be Second Page of Scrapbook
- 3. Only one entrant for Mr. Top Teen and one entrant for Miss Top Teen from a chapter.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 1. TTA Performance at local level (include attendance and projects participated in)
Documented and signed by local TTA President and TTA Advisor. **30 Points**
 - 2. 200 word, typed essay on the Conference Theme:
“Continuing our Commitment to Provide Premier Service, Growth and Programming”
as it relates to your future plans. **30 Points**
 - 3. Community service - Outside TTA
School — Church — Other Civic and/or service **30 Points**
 - 4. Character reference (must be obtained from an active TLOD local chapter member) **10 Points**
- Total Maximum Points = **100 Points**

NOTE: Please complete attached form and bring entries to the conference along with other chapter award entries.

AWARDS

**FIRST PLACE
SECOND PLACE
THIRD PLACE**

**PLAQUE
CERTIFICATE
CERTIFICATE**

(Only one entrant for Mr. Top Teen and one entrant for Miss Top Teen from a chapter)

JO ANNE GRAY ~ MR. AND MISS TOP TEEN APPLICATION

NAME OF CHAPTER _____ TTA ADVISOR _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip Code _____ Phone _____

NAME OF CHAPTER _____ TTA ADVISOR _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Number of Years in TTA _____ Offices held in TTA:

Chapter _____

Area III _____

National _____

School Activities

Community/Civic Involvement

Special Honors/Awards

Future Goals

Place application as Second Page of Book

AREA III TOP TEENS OF AMERICA

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Due: Saturday, February 20, 2010

Return to Lady Vivian Mays, Area III TTA Advisor

2127 West Roosevelt Drive

Milwaukee, WI 53209-6323

Phone: (414-442-4848)

Facsimile: (414-444-7376)

MISS TOP TEEN PRESENTATION FORM

Name _____ Age _____

Parents _____ Grade _____ School _____

Chapter _____ Area _____

COMMUNITY/CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/HONORS/AWARDS

TOP TEENS PARTICIPATION

Local _____

Area _____

National _____

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Signature TLOD Chapter President _____

Signature Chapter TTA Advisor _____

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2127 West Roosevelt Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53209-6323
Phone: (414-442-4848)
Facsimile: (414-444-7376)

MR. TOP TEEN PRESENTATION FORM

Name _____ Age _____

Parents _____ Grade _____ School _____

Chapter _____ Area _____

COMMUNITY/CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/HONORS/AWARDS

TOP TEENS PARTICIPATION

Local _____

Area _____

National _____

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Signature TLOD Chapter President _____

Signature Chapter TTA Advisor _____

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Facsimile: (414-444-7376)



TOP TEENS OF AMERICA - AREA III
Sponsored by Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc
Mr. and Miss TTA Pageant



34th Area III Leadership Conference – Souvenir Journal Ad Contract

Date:

Advertiser:

Telephone:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Please specify desirable ad size by checking your choice below:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FULL PAGE (7 x 8 ½) | \$80.00 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | HALF PAGE (7 x 4 ¼) | \$50.00 | _____ |
| | TOTAL | | _____ |

PHOTOS ARE FREE WITH A FULL PAGE AD - ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY

Solicited by:

Top Teen:

Chapter:

Telephone:

Please forward your ad, contract and check no later than **February 20, 2010** to ensure adequate time for printing. Make check payable to **Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. – Area III**. [A \$15.00 fee will be charged for all RETURNED CHECKS!!!]

Mail Ads to: Lady Vivian Mays
 Area III TTA Advisor
 2127 West Roosevelt Drive
 Milwaukee, WI. 53209-6323

Mail Checks to: Lady Dorothy Fisher
 Area III Financial Secretary
 8100 Braddock
 University City, MO 63130

We thank you for your support.
Lady Emily J. Jones, National Area III Director
Lady Vivian Mays, Area III TTA Advisor
Lady Mavis Merritt, Area III Assistant TTA Advisor

<p align="center">1ST PLACE, \$300; 2ND PLACE, \$200 PRIZE (MUST SELL A MINIMUM OF \$300.00 IN ADS TO QUALIFY FOR PRIZES) AWARDED TO THE TEEN SELLING THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF ADS. ADS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY <u>February 20, 2010</u> FOR PRIZE CONSIDERATION</p>
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*This has no bearing on the Mr. & Miss TTA Award

DORIS JOHNSON ESSAY CONTEST

MEDIUM ~ WRITTEN ESSAY ~ SEE GUIDELINES

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GUIDELINES

- I. The applicant must:
 - A. Be an active Top Teen in good standing on the local, area, and national levels;
 - B. Be a high school student; (NOTE: Applicable only in Syn-Lod year)
 - C. Submit an essay adhering to the guidelines of the TTA Essay Contest;
 - D. Use the designated theme.
- II. Application Procedure
 - A. Submit the completed essay to your Top Teens Advisor who must submit it for LOCAL judging no later than **Saturday, February 20, 2010.**
 - B. **There will be only ONE Essay Entry per chapter.**
- III. Essay Guidelines
 - A. A 600 to 1,000 word essay on the selected topic
 - B. Use 8.5 x 11 inch paper
 - C. (Cover Page – Title Page – For identification purposes – Not Part of Essay)

START OF ESSAY

 - D. Triple space between the title and the first line of copy
 - E. Use a five (5) space paragraph indentation
 - F. Double space the copy
 - G. There should be a one (1) inch margin at the top, sides and bottom of each page
 - H. Provide a bibliography to document your research sources.

- IV. Judging – A panel of impartial judges will judge all essays; Essays will be judged on:
- A. Adherence to Theme
 - B. Punctuation
 - C. Neatness
 - D. Originality
 - E. Spelling
 - F. Organization
 - G. Points will be deducted if essay is not within the 600-1000 word range.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Adherence to Topic	20 Points
2. Neatness	10 Points
3. Spelling	10 Points
4. Punctuality	20 Points
5. Originality	20 Points
6. Organization	20 Points
TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS	100 Points

Top Teens Advisors should submit each Chapter essay to:

Lady Emelda Isabelle ~ Area III Awards Committee Chairman
 130 156th Place
 Calumet City, Illinois 60409
 Home – 708-801-9804 Fax: 708-832-0984
Ladyemelda8@hotmail.com

Deadline for submission: Saturday, February 20, 2010

AWARDS

FIRST PLACE
 SECOND PLACE
 THIRD PLACE

PLAQUE & \$150.00
 CERTIFICATE & \$100.00
 CERTIFICATE & \$50.00

DORIS JOHNSON ESSAY CONTEST ESSAY QUESTIONS 2010

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ANDREA HARRIS TTA OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Presented to an Area III TTA Member for outstanding service.

MEDIUM ~ PORTFOLIO

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- C. TOP TEEN ADVISOR – Full Name
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- E. Year Submitted
- F. FULL NAME OF NOMINEE – If Applicable
- G. Conference Theme:
“Continuing our Commitment to Provide Premier Service, Growth and Programming”

If these items are not clear, points will be deducted from total points awarded in other areas.

GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Service Award is to encourage all Top Teens in Area III to participate in community service projects.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Ten (10) points will be awarded for each service project.
2. Two (2) points will be awarded for each project documented by newspaper, letter, programs, certificates, etc.
3. Two (2) points will be awarded for each service hour.
4. Points for the service projects and the service hours will be added together with the points for documentation in order to determine the winners.
5. First place winner with at least 100 documented community service hours will receive the \$150.00 monetary award. The monetary award is reduced if the hours are less than 100.

AWARDS:

	100 + Service Hours	Less than 100 Service Hours
FIRST PLACE	PLAQUE & \$150	PLAQUE & \$100
SECOND PLACE	CERTIFICATE & \$100	CERTIFICATE & \$75
THIRD PLACE	CERTIFICATE & \$50	CERTIFICATE & \$50

NOTE: Complete the attached application form and submit with entry.
Place application as the second (or more) page(s) of nominee's documentation booklet.

ANDREA HARRIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION

NAME OF CHAPTER _____

TEEN'S NAME _____

ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE _____

Ten (10) points for each service project; two (2) points for documentation(s); and, two (2) points for each service hour will be awarded. **THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED.**

1. A. Type of Projects (Brief Description)

B. Documentation

C. Number of Hours on Project

TOTAL POINTS _____

2. A. Type of Projects (Brief Description)

B. Documentation

C. Number of Hours on Project

TOTAL POINTS _____

3. A. Type of Projects (Brief Description)

B. Documentation

C. Number of Hours on Project

TOTAL POINTS _____

TOTAL SERVICE AWARD POINTS _____

OTEAL GILMORE TALENT COMPETITION

GUIDELINES

AUDITIONS

1. Each chapter may have **only one** talent show **entry**. You must audition by submitting an **AUDITION TAPE OF YOUR ACT** to qualify to be a contestant.
2. Each presentation may not exceed five (5) minutes. Points will be deducted for exceeding the time limit (2 points for each minute over 5).
3. A piano, microphone and "in-house DJ" will be provided. Any music (i.e. CD's, tapes) must be provided by the participant.
4. Winners should be in attendance at all Conference joint functions and be prepared to be called upon to perform during Conference as deemed appropriate by the Area Director.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Categories

_____ **DRAMATIZATION**
_____ **DANCE**
_____ **INSTRUMENTAL**
_____ **ORATION**
_____ **VOCAL**

Areas of Evaluation

_____ **EVIDENCE OF PREPARATION**
_____ **ORIGINALITY**
_____ **PERFORMANCE**
_____ **APPEARANCE**
_____ **POINTS AWARDED**
_____ **POINTS DEDUCTED**
_____ **TOTAL POINTS**

SCORING POINT SYSTEM:

Outstanding	25	
Excellent	20	
Good	15	
Satisfactory	10	Total Maximum Points = 100

AWARDS (Per Category)

FIRST PLACE	PLAQUE
SECOND PLACE	CERTIFICATE
THIRD PLACE	CERTIFICATE

OTEAL GILMORE TALENT COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

NAME OF CHAPTER _____

TTA ADVISOR _____

NAME OF PARTICIPANTS: _____

CATEGORY: (Please check one)

- _____ **DRAMATIZATION**
- _____ **DANCE**
- _____ **INSTRUMENTAL**
- _____ **ORATION**
- _____ **VOCAL**

TITLE OF ENTRY OR GROUP: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FEATURE: _____

Will you need a microphone? _____ **Will you use recorded music?** _____

TTA Advisors Signature

Date

Please return this **FORM and AUDITION TAPE** to the Area HI TTA Advisor, Lady Vivian Mays, 2127 W. Roosevelt Drive Milwaukee, WI 53209 by Saturday, February 20, 2010.

RUTH PAYNE SMITH SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

The Speakers' Tournament is designed to stimulate growth towards maturity by asking the Teens to think seriously about their commitment to community service. Participation will provide the Teens an opportunity to develop their skills and confidence in effective verbal communication. Chapter Presidents and TTA Advisors are encouraged to create more interest and enthusiasm for this activity by actively supporting local chapter, competition. Local eliminations should be held for the selection of the chapter's representative for the Area Speakers' Tournament.

GUIDELINES

1. Speakers must compose their own speeches with proper credit. The topics for this year's competition are attached. It is permissible and encouraged for speakers to use quotations from reputable sources.
2. Upon arrival at the site of the competition, each speaker must sign in by providing his/her name, chapter, and title of speech.
3. Each speaker is required to bring two (2) copies of his/her speech; one (1) is to be provided to the tournament chair prior to the judging.
4. The manuscript must be titled with the following information: name, chapter, area, city/state, and Advisor.
5. Each speaker will be allowed three (3) to five (5) minutes. Longer or shorter speeches will be penalized.
6. Speakers will be judged on the basis of 100 points. Contents of the presentation will count for 50% and delivery of the presentation will count for 50%.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Contents/Composition

Related to subject	10 Points
Originality	10 Points
Logical sequence	10 Points
Choice of words	10 Points
Structure and Grammar	10 Points

Delivery

Pronunciation/articulation	10 Points
Poise/posture/confidence	10 Points
Expressive communication	10 Points
Within time allotment	10 Points
Presented without notes	10 Points

AWARDS

FIRST PLACE	PLAQUE & \$300.00
SECOND PLACE	CERTIFICATE & \$150.00
THIRD PLACE	CERTIFICATE & \$75.00

RUTH PAYNE SMITH SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT
(Additional Tips)

Preparing the Speech

1. Well in advance, thoughtfully choose your subject.
2. Think and read extensively before you begin the construction of your speech.
(Caution: Think about the subject before you start reading or you will be overcome with too many ideas or at least more than you can use)
3. Ask yourself questions about the subject. These questions could well form the skeleton outline of your speech.
4. Consult your school and public libraries for resource material.
5. Take notes on what you read.
6. Observe and talk with others.
7. Consider the audience. Will they be interested in the subject? What will they know about the subject? What will be their attitude toward the subject?
8. Determine your aim or objective. Do you want to interest, inform, stimulate, convince or persuade?
9. In one sentence, state the main purpose or idea.
10. Outline your speech. Consider the introduction, the body and the conclusion
11. Select words that express exactly what you mean. Include quotations, questions, illustrations, comparisons, and contrasts.

Promotion

The Top Teens Advisors should:

- \$ Provide sufficient copies of these rules and regulations for the Teen Chapter Members.
- \$ Designate a time, perhaps during the Teen Chapter meeting, as well as the TLOD Chapter meeting, to emphasize the tournament and its purpose.
- \$ Announce dates and places of training sessions.
- \$ Draft TLOD members as coaches.
- \$ Give recognition to all participants by allowing them to speak to their peers as well as the TLOD local chapter.
- \$ Hold eliminations to choose the one representative from each chapter.
- \$ Choose at least three judges. If possible, people outside the TLOD organization should be enlisted to judge.
- \$ Urge the Top Teens President to help promote the tournament.
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2010 AREA III LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RUTH PAYNE SMITH SPEAKERS TOURNAMENT TOPICS

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CAROL J. HARRIS (Outstanding TOP TEENS Chapter President Award)

Presented to the Top Teens Chapter President who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service. Nominees must have completed one year of service in office.

MEDIUM ~ PORTFOLIO

Nominees must have a letter of endorsement from the TLOD Chapter President and the Chapter Top Teens Advisor

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GUIDELINES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

I. Leadership Ability **30 Points**

- A. Effectiveness as TTA Chapter President; serves as a peer role model to encourage chapter teens to excel, commit, develop new service projects and empowers his/her chapter members to exceed in excellence to the best of his/her ability on local, area and national levels.
- B. Effectiveness as TTA Chapter President (detailed in writing by the Chapter TTA Advisor)
- C. Membership Involvement and Improvement in chapter functioning:

Exceptional	5-30 Points
Above Average	15-24 Points
Average	1 -14 Points

II. Service to TOP TEENS 40 Points

- A. Attendance and participation in local, area, and national meetings
- B. Attendance and participation at other TOP TEEN/TLOD sponsored activities/events

Exceptional	35-40 Points
Above Average	15-34 Points
Average	1 -24 Points

III. Contribution as TTA President 30 Points

- A. Major accomplishments during tenure:

Exceptional	5-30 Points
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Average	1-14 Points

Support materials must be included in the form of a portfolio, with photos and write-ups, etc..

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Total Maximum Points: **100**

AWARDS

1st Place Winner	Plaque
2nd Place Winner	Certificate
3rd Place Winner	Certificate