

JUDGE'S BALLOT FOR TEXAS STORYTELLING YOUTH OLYMPICS

Age category: _____ Recorded time: _____ minutes _____ seconds

Student's name: _____ School: _____

Story title: _____

Circle the highest number to represent the best quality score achieved. There are a total of 60 points that can be earned by the teller. Please make comments on the back of this ballot.

A. Story Choice 1 2 3 4

- ★ Colorful and unique delivery
- ★ Unusual or creative adaptation
- ★ Suitable to the teller
- ★ Memorable choice

B. Story Launch 1 2 3 4

- ★ Strong positive energy
- ★ Confidence and poise
- ★ Began with appropriate pace to capture audience's attention
- ★ Painted the story's picture
- ★ Spoke initial words clearly

C. Voice 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- ★ Vocal rate appropriate to the content of the story
- ★ Words flowed easily and naturally
- ★ Teller's voice filled the space
- ★ Special vocal effects enhanced the story
- ★ Story sounded natural rather than memorized or recited

D. Body 1 2 3 4 5 6

- ★ Eye contact with the audience natural and even
- ★ Facial communication helped to "tell" the story
- ★ Gestures enhanced the telling of the story
- ★ Body "in sync" with the story
- ★ Posture appropriate to the meaning of the story

E. Words 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

- ★ Grammar appropriate to the story
- ★ Wording appropriate for all portions of the story
- ★ Teller's dialect or speech patterns blended with the story
- ★ Balance of dialect with clear articulation

F. Story Closure 1 2 3 4

- ★ Story wound down appropriately
- ★ Final impression or flavor left with the listeners
- ★ Vocal intonation clued the story's end
- ★ Confidence and poise

G. Overall Performance Spirit 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

- ★ Caught the audience's attention
- ★ Enthusiastic and vibrant
- ★ Exhibited charm and expressive quality
- ★ Used appropriate energy
- ★ Demonstrated smoothness and natural performance style

Judge's signature: _____