

**THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST-YOUTH MINISTRY  
GUIDELINES FOR THE 2017 PENTECOST  
WRITERS CONTEST**

**PREAMBLE**

The Pentecost Writers Contest is an annual contest organized by the Youth Ministry to unearth the talents of members of the Church, both youth and adults, who have the flair for writing. Out of the scripts submitted each year, the best are selected for publication in an annual Youth Reader.

**PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES FOR THE 2017 CONTEST**

The following shall apply for the 2017 Contest:

Opening:

The contest shall officially open on TUESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017 after an opening declaration by the leadership of the Church.

Registration

Interested persons shall register after the official opening. Registration forms could be retrieved from [www.thecophq.org](http://www.thecophq.org) and [www.penteagle.org](http://www.penteagle.org). The forms could be downloaded, filled and submitted to the Writers Committee via [pentwriterscontest@gmail.com](mailto:pentwriterscontest@gmail.com). Applicants can also register by filling a registration form (hard copy) to be circulated by the Youth Directorate through any of the Youth Ministry offices from the National to the Assembly level. The filled forms must be forwarded to The National Coordinating Committee, Pentecost Writers' Contest, Youth Ministry Directorate, P. O. Box 2194, Accra. Registration shall be FREE. In filling the form, writers shall indicate their topics of interest for the contest. Such topic(s) should be chosen from the five thematic areas of Spirituality, Social Life, Health, Academics and National Development.

**SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES**

Applicants must submit their articles latest by 30 June, 2017. An applicant may submit more than one script provided they are not within the same thematic area. Articles may reach the Writers Contest Committee through [pentwriterscontest@gmail.com](mailto:pentwriterscontest@gmail.com). All articles submitted after the stipulated date shall be rejected.

Marking of scripts and Discussions by Committee: JULY 2017

Oral Defense: 9TH SEPTEMBER at 1:00PM.

External Assessment: OCTOBER

Publishing of selected articles in a reader: NOVEMBER.

Declaration of Winner, Receiving of Awards and Launching of Reader: January 2018 (during the PENSA National Conference)

## **ASSESSMENT OF SCRIPTS**

Scripts would be marked by the National Youth Writers' Contest Committee. Areas for consideration would include how rich and sound the arguments propelled are in dealing with the topic being written on. In addition, the laws that govern essay writing in English Language

would be uncompromisingly employed. The writer's ability to sustain the interest of the youth and his readers at large will be a plus.

### Marking Scheme

Content	-	30 marks
Organisation	-	10 marks
Expression	-	20 marks
Mechanical Accuracy	-	20 marks
Originality of thought	-	20 marks

The marks obtained by each participant would be converted to over seventy while the oral defense would be graded over thirty, making hundred in all.

## **ORAL DEFENSE**

Writers of the best ten scripts submitted would be invited for an Oral Defense Session to defend their work.

## **ENQUIRIES/CONCERNS**

All concerns and enquiries should be directed to Writers Contest Committee through 0244223133/0243971197/0545287950 or through [pentwriterscontest@gmail.com](mailto:pentwriterscontest@gmail.com)

Thank you.

**THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST  
YOUTH PENTECOST WRITERS' CONTEST  
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name: .....

2. Age: .....

3. Local Assembly/Institution: .....

4. District/Area: .....

5. Level of Education: a. JHS            b. SHS            c. TERTIARY            d. Other.....

6. Postal Address: .....

7. Phone No: .....

8. E-mail Address: .....

9a. In which of the following thematic areas does your write-up fall? a. SPIRITUALITY b. SOCIAL LIFE c. HEALTH d. ACADEMICS e. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

9b. Writers must ensure that all write-ups are originally generated from them; the violation of this rule in any shape or form will amount to the disqualification of the contestant.

10. Please indicate the topic(s) you want to write on below:

I. ....

II. ....

III.....

Note: For the 2017 contest, filled forms should reach the Coordinating Committee through the Youth Directorate latest by 31st MAY, 2017. The write-ups should also reach the Committee latest by 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2017.

An online registration is made available of the website of the church. [www.thecophq.org](http://www.thecophq.org)

For any enquiries please call 0271223642/ 0244223133/ 0243971197/ 0545287950 or send an email to [pentwriterscontest@gmail.com](mailto:pentwriterscontest@gmail.com) Thanks.