

## **Language & Fine Arts Tournament**

Southern Union State Community College hosts an annual Language and Fine Arts Tournament. The Language and Fine Arts Tournament is open to juniors and seniors from high schools within Southern Union's service area. This tournament is designed to recognize outstanding students and to foster interest in language and fine arts. The tournament is sanctioned by the appropriate governing boards in Alabama and Georgia.

The tournament will include the following nine competitions:

### **Competition Areas**

Students may compete in the following categories: Composition, American and English literature, extemporaneous speaking, poetry, art, photography, drawing/painting, theatre, music (vocal and instrumental), and dance. Participants in English literature and participants in American literature will be administered multiple-choice tests on the day of the tournament. Participants in the composition competition will compose an essay on a topic to be identified on the day of the tournament. Participants in extemporaneous speaking will deliver an extemporaneous speech on the pre-designated topic. Participants in the poetry and the art competitions will submit their entries before the week of the tournament. The drama competition will include monologue, duet, and ensemble performances. Students who wish to compete in the music competition will be asked to sing one song of their choice or play an instrument. The dance competition will offer students the opportunity to perform in ballet, jazz, tap, or contemporary dance.

Students are encouraged to participate in more than one competition as the schedule permits.

The competition is open to high school juniors and seniors only. Each school may enter a limit of three students (juniors and/or seniors) to compete in composition, and one student (junior or senior) per school may compete in extemporaneous speech. There is no limit to the number of students each school may enter in the American literature competition (juniors only), the English literature competition (seniors only), the poetry competition (juniors and/or seniors), and the art competition (juniors and/or seniors). The competitions in music, theatre, and dance (open to juniors and/or seniors) will be limited due to the constraints of time; and entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-accepted basis.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each competition. Although we will not make scholarship announcements on the day of the tournament, Southern Union will continue to offer fine arts scholarships in music, theatre, and dance. Auditions for these two-year tuition scholarships are limited to seniors only and are scheduled at the Wadley campus. The audition schedule may be viewed online. We encourage students who are interested in Performing arts scholarships to Southern Union to schedule auditions (seniors only) and to participate in the fine arts competitions (open to juniors and seniors) on the day of the Language and Fine Arts Tournament.

**Entry Fee**

The tournament is five dollars per student. Students may participate, as the schedule permits, in more than one event at no additional cost. The entry fees include lunch tickets which will be provided on the day of the tournament. Complimentary lunch tickets will be provided for sponsors and bus drivers.

If you have any questions or if you would like to receive an invitation packet, please contact Steve Spratlin on the Wadley Campus (256-395-2211 ext. 5105).