



AREA V TOP TEENS OF AMERICA



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Warmest Greeting Ladies, Teens, Lords and Guests,

It is an honor to welcome you to the Area V, 44th Leadership Conference, hosted by the chapter that I am honored to be a part of, the Indianapolis Chapter Top Ladies of Distinction. Area V TTA Executive Board and I are looking forward to an impactful, exciting, and a memorable conference taking place April 4- April 7, 2018.

Teens, please understand that your attendance at this conference is very important as leaders of tomorrow answering the call to this year's theme "Honor the Call to Serve through Innovation, Dedication and Inspiration".

We will be highlighting, and celebrating 50 years of service of Top Teens of America, especially recognizing Area V teens along with the hardworking Top Ladies and Lords who have valiantly supported our Area V teens in previous years during our Blue and Silver Ball. Please don't miss this awesome evening.

TTA Advisors, please complete and submit your TTA packets by the March 15, 2019 deadline, so that your teens will be able to compete in all of the exciting competitions. Hope to see everyone at Indianapolis Chapter's Host Night (wear your favorite jersey), on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

A special salute to Indianapolis Chapter Top Teens, TTA Advisors, Service to Youth Committee and all who assisted for their hard work and sacrifice to make this conference a success.

Yours in Service for Youth and Adults

Lady Annmarie L. Byers , Area V Top Teens Advisor



Area V 44th Leadership Conference
April 4- April 7, 2019
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Indianapolis , Indiana



Top Teens of America
Area V Conference Information



“ Participation is Our Foundation as Leaders of Tomorrow“

Lady Janice Scimmons
National TTA Director

Lady Annmarie L. Byers
Area V. TTA Advisor

Lady Rochelle Johnson
Asst Area V, TTA Advisor

Teen Benjamin Chapman
National TTA President

Teen Marcellus Metcalf
Area V TTA President

AREA V Leadership Conference



TTA CONFERENCE INFORMATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Parent Permission Form
- ☐ Photograph Release Form
- ☐ Hotel Rooming List
- ☐ Code of Ethics current as of 11/18
- ☐ TTA School Leave Form
- ☐ Medical Information Form
- ☐ Medical Treatment Authorization Form
- ☐ Background Check TTA Form 3035 Instructions
- ☐ Volunteer Background Check Form 3035
- ☐ TTA Service Project- Blessings In A Backpack
- ☐ TTA Attire

All Forms should be emailed to : ladyannmariebyers2007@gmail.com for placement in Area Advisor Chapter's folder. Advisors should retain copies



Top Teens of America

Parent Permission Form

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THIS FORM MUST TRAVEL WITH THE TTA ADVISOR AT ALL TIMES.

This is to certify that my son/daughter,

has my permission to attend and participate in the activities for the

Chapter of

Top Teens of America for the

year.

It is my understanding that these trips/activities, which are taken under the auspices of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. will be supervised by competent members who will travel and work with the group. I hereby release the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. and Top Teens of America from liability and waive any and all claims against the organizations, individually and collectively, for injuries which might be incurred on any trip/travel to and from or after reaching the selected destination.

Name of Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Chapter TTA Advisor

Date

Signature of TLOD Chapter President

Date



Photograph/Video Release Form

Area V. Leadership Conference

Top Teens of America is under the auspices of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Teens are active in National, Area and Local activities. To chronicle activities of the thrusts and projects committees, photos/videos are often taken for documentation. These photos/video may be used by members of Top Teens of America and Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. in the following manners BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

Scrapbooks
Reports
Publications
Electronic transmissions
Televised events

Newsletters
Displays
Web Sites
Videotapes
Social Media

Teen _____ has permission to be photographed/videoed while participating in activities in conjunction with the purposes and goals of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. and Top Teens of America for the 2019 fiscal year. I hereby grant permission to use the aforementioned Teen's image and likeness in any photograph/video and in any and all publications, including web site entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I hereby authorize Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute these photos/videos for purposes of Top Ladies of Distinction Inc.'s programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein the aforementioned Teen's likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph/video. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. from all claims, demands, and causes of action may have by reason of this authorization.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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Hotel Rooming List

Area _____ Chapter _____ City _____
 Name of person that reserved rooms _____ Contact # _____
 Arrival Date _____ Arrival Time _____ Mode of Travel _____
 Bus parking needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No Number of Buses _____ Bus Arrival Time (s) _____

Please List Top Teens in assigned Hotel Sleeping Room Groups

GROUP 1	Hotel Room #	
1. Teen	Age	
2. Teen	Age	
3. Teen	Age	
4. Teen	Age	

GROUP 2	Hotel Room #	
1. Teen	Age	
2. Teen	Age	
3. Teen	Age	
4. Teen	Age	

GROUP 3	Hotel Room #	
1. Teen	Age	
2. Teen	Age	
3. Teen	Age	
4. Teen	Age	

GROUP 4	Hotel Room #	
1. Teen	Age	
2. Teen	Age	
3. Teen	Age	
4. Teen	Age	

GROUP 5	Hotel Room #	
1. Teen	Age	
2. Teen	Age	
3. Teen	Age	
4. Teen	Age	

GROUP 6	Hotel Room #	
1. Teen	Age	
2. Teen	Age	
3. Teen	Age	
4. Teen	Age	

GROUP 7	Hotel Room #	
1. Teen	Age	
2. Teen	Age	
3. Teen	Age	
4. Teen	Age	

GROUP 8	Hotel Room #	
1. Teen	Age	
2. Teen	Age	
3. Teen	Age	
4. Teen	Age	

** There must be one (1) Lady Chaperone for Every Ten (10) Teens, Chaperones will be housed nearby their Teens. **

Chapter TTA Advisor _____ Contact # _____ Room # _____
 TLOD Chapter President _____ Contact # _____ Room # _____

CHAPERONES

Lady	Room #	
Lady	Room #	
Lord	Room #	

Lady	Room #	
Lady	Room #	
Lord	Room #	

Copies will be distributed after Hotel Registration is completed.

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TOP TEENS OF AMERICA

CODE OF ETHICS



Chapter _____ Area _____

The following "Code of Ethics" must be adhered to while participating and/or attending any Local, Area or National Top Teens of America event. You are required to read this document in its entirety and acknowledge your understanding of the complete "Code of Ethics" which must be followed at all times.

1. All Top Teens are expected to be present at all TTA meetings and activities. If a Teen is unable to attend, the Chapter Top Teens Advisor (TTA) and Assistant Top Teens Advisor must be notified. Approval of where the Teen will be will be determined by the Chapter Top Teens Advisor or the Chapter Assistant TTA Advisor in the absence of the Chapter TTA Advisor.
2. All Top Teens must strictly adhere to the established curfew at all times. All Top Teens must be settled in their room by 12:00 AM (MANDATORY). All visitations in other rooms ends at 12:00 A.M. (Midnight). The National Top Teens Director with the agreement of the National TLOD President will determine any extensions of this hour, and said extension will be communicated to all Top Teens.
3. Top Teens are not to leave the meeting/convention site and/or hotel under any circumstances without the permission of and direction from their Top Teens Advisor. Any Teen doing so without permission, will be disciplined. All TLOD members (mother, aunt, grandmother or other relatives) must respect the directives of TTA Advisors when TTA members are under the auspices of TLOD members.
4. Alcoholic beverages, marijuana, illegal stimulants, depressants, or weapons are not permitted at any function or activity of Top Teens of America. Any Top Teen found with any of these substances will be disciplined. Parents and the proper authorities shall be notified of any Teen's involvement in any illegal activities and shall be sent home at the parent's expense.
5. There shall be no co-ed visitations in the hotel sleeping rooms at conferences. **THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.** Any co-ed visitation will be considered a breach of the Code of Ethics and will be handled accordingly.
6. Top Teens, and especially the TTA Officers, represent TLOD and should therefore be role models and shall conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to the organization: demonstrating good manners, dressing in the proper attire, exhibiting high moral and ethical behavior and character and avoiding unnecessary boisterousness.
7. Top Teens may not be a parent, and if a Teen becomes a parent, the Teens membership shall be terminated.
8. Dress for the occasion: Proper attire for a Teen includes: hemlines no more than three (3) inches above the knees at any time. No sagging. No see-through tops or extremely low cut tops. No short shorts where pants can be worn. Mid-calf capris may be worn when pants are used. **No jeans shall be worn unless communicated by TTA Advisor.**
9. Cooperation and self-control are necessary when participating in chapter meetings.
10. No Teen has the right to treat another in any manner that will cause physical or emotional pain. Therefore, harassment or bullying of any kind is considered unacceptable behavior.
11. Coercion or bullying, threats, or physical abuse will be dealt with accordingly.

12. Top Teens shall abide by the national TTA governance, the local chapter rules, TTA Code of Ethics and TTA Bylaws.
13. A Top Teens Review Board shall be appointed to review cases of Teens allegedly or known to have violated the Code of Ethics.
 - a. The National Review Board shall be composed of seven (7) Top Teens consisting of the National TTA President and one Teen from each Area, three (3) TTA Advisors from the National Advisory Council and the National TTA Director. The National TTA President shall preside. Should the original grievance be against the National TTA President, the National Officer on the Review Board shall be the National TTA First Vice President.
 - b. The Area Review Board shall be composed of five (5) Top Teens within the Area, consisting of three (3) TTA Chapter Advisors and the Area TTA Advisor. The Area TTA Advisor shall appoint the five (5) Teens and three (3) TTA Chapter Advisors. The Area TTA President shall preside over the Review Board. Should the original grievance be against the Area TTA President, the Area Officer on the Review Board shall be the Area TTA First Vice President.
 - c. The Chapter Review Board shall be composed of four (4) Top Teens consisting of three (3) members of the Chapter and the Chapter President, the TTA Chapter Advisor and two (2) Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. from the Chapter TTA Service to Youth Committee. The Chapter TTA President shall preside over the Review Board. Should the original grievance be against the Chapter TTA President, the Chapter Officer on the Review Board shall be the Chapter First Vice President.
 - d. The decision of the Board is final upon consultation with the Chapter TLOD President of the chapter where the Top Teen is considered a member. If the infraction takes place at Area, it will be in consultation with the respective Area Director, if at National, it would be the National TLOD President.

Penalties for infractions shall be any of the following:

- (1.) If the Teen is an officer – removal/suspension from office
- (2.) Recommendation to National for revocation of TTA membership
- (3.) Teen becomes ineligible to compete for awards. Chapter shall forfeit any awards received.
- (4.) Fines may be imposed upon the Teen(s) determined by the chapter per infraction; and/or Community service time (documented by the Chapter TTA Advisor)
- (5.) The use of monies collected from fines shall be designated by the chapter
- (6.) Inability to attend a National, Area or Cluster event

Please refer to TTA Governance, 2015 Edition, National Bylaws, Article III Membership, Sections 4 and 5 for additional clarification.

14. Inappropriate physical contact of any type (i.e. PDA, twerking, groping, touching, fondling, bumping and grinding) and any other conduct and behavior that are not considered appropriate are prohibited.
15. There is zero-tolerance for fighting or other illegal and immoral activities. Violators will be subject to established consequences.
16. Top Teens must follow all local, state and federal laws without question.
17. All cell phones, smartphones, and other electronic devices (e.g., tablets, iPods) must be turned off during TTA meetings unless approved by the TTA Advisor.
18. Profanity and abusive language is prohibited.

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19. Teens are prohibited from taking inappropriate photos or recordings of other Top Teens with cell phones or other electronic devices and down loading, uploading or sharing them electronically.
20. Documentation of service is a required and valuable part of our program, therefore a photo release form must be on file for all Teens.

I have read, understand and will comply with the established Code of Ethics. Failure to do so will result in National, Area and Chapter imposed sanctions as previously listed, and my parents being notified.

Reviewed Code of Ethics with Teen and Parent/Guardian present:

Teen Name

Teen Signature

Date Reviewed

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Reviewed

Reviewed by TLOD President: _____
Signature Date Reviewed

Reviewed by Chapter TTA Advisor: _____
Signature Date Reviewed



Top Teens of America

School Leave Request Form

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Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. sponsors a youth group known as Top Teens of America. The organization will host its 35th _____ on _____. The Top Teens of America conference will be held at the same time as the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. conference. The conference presents a unique opportunity for Teens to share, understand, and discuss solutions to the many problems facing youth. To this end, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. respectfully requests that the undersigned student be granted to attend the conference activities.

SCHOOL LEAVE REQUEST

Student _____ Age Grade _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
School _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Principal/Teacher

Date



Original Must Travel With Top Teens Advisor

Medical Information Form

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Name _____ Chapter _____ Area _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Home Ph. _____ Cell Ph. _____
Current Grade Level _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Please list any known allergies (medication, food, etc.) and any other health problems:

Details of any of the above and another important medical information

Current medication being taken: _____

Date of last Tetanus Toxoid Injection _____ Date of last Health Exam _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____ Group # _____

Name of Insured (Parent/Guardian) _____

Emergency Information

Father	Home Phone
Address	Cell Phone
Mother	Home Phone
Address	Cell Phone

Alternate Contact (if parent/guardian not available)

Name	Home Phone
Relationship	Cell Phone



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Medical Treatment Authorization Form

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The undersigned parent/legal guardian of the above hereby authorizes TTA Advisor _____
and TLOD President _____ of the _____ Chapter
as agents to authorize care for _____ if in the opinion of any
licensed physician, surgeon, or hospital it is necessary for the treatment of the Teen in an emergency situation.
Any physician, surgeon, or hospital is authorized to relay upon any authorization for treatment by the
undersigned. This will remain valid and full force and effect from _____ to _____
The name of our physician is _____ He/She may be reached at
HOME _____ or OFFICE _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



Top Teens of America

Instructions for TTA 3035

Form No.	TTA 3035				
Form Name	Authorization for Background and Activities Check for External Volunteers and Chaperones				
Purpose of Form	This form authorizes TLOD to run a background check on chaperones and external volunteers				
Usage	This form is used to document the chaperone/volunteer's consent to perform the background check				
Deadlines/Dates	This form is due 30 days prior to travel or event.				
Distribution	<p>Below is a summary of how this form and the accompanying forms should be distributed. Be sure to retain a copy of all forms for your chapter records. Current addresses can be found on the TLOD website.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> National Financial Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> TTA 3035 - <input type="checkbox"/> copy All Funds </td><td> National TLOD <input type="checkbox"/> Office TTA 2035- <input type="checkbox"/> Original Photo Identification </td><td></td></tr> </table>		National Financial Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> TTA 3035 - <input type="checkbox"/> copy All Funds	National TLOD <input type="checkbox"/> Office TTA 2035- <input type="checkbox"/> Original Photo Identification	
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Instructions	<p>First Name: Enter first name of volunteer</p> <p>Last Name: Enter last name of volunteer</p> <p>Other Names Used: Enter any other names used (e.g. maiden name, alias) by volunteer</p> <p>Mailing address: Enter current mailing address for volunteer</p> <p>Date of Birth: Volunteer's date of birth. Month, Day, Year State of Residence: Volunteer's legal state of residence</p> <p>Telephone/Email: Enter the best contact number and email address in case there are questions about the consent form</p> <p>Name, Signature & Date: Volunteer's name and signature of consent to conduct background check</p> <p>Area & Chapter: Area and Chapter in which volunteer will be working with Teens</p> <p>State of Chapter: The state where the chapter is located</p> <p>Check/Money Order: Your chapter check or money order should be made payable to TTA Development Fund for the total amount</p> <p>TTA Advisor's Name: Name of the Chapter's TTA Advisor</p> <p>Contact #: Best contact phone number for the Chapter's TTA Advisor.</p> <p>Mail a copy of the completed form and the fee of \$35 to the National Financial Secretary</p> <p>Mail the original form and a copy of the volunteer's photo identification (driver's licenses or state identification) to the National TLOD office.</p>				



Authorization for Background and Activities Check for External Volunteers and Chaperones



Thank you for your interest in our Top Teens Program. Our goal is to meet the requirements of organizations working with minors and young adults. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer.

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. requires a background check of all volunteers accompanying Teens on overnight trips by chapters and to Area Conferences and National Conventions. Please complete the information below needed to have a background check executed.

The intent of the authorization is to give your consent for the organization to run a background check and secure a full disclosure of activities which may prevent or modify your participation in the travel activities.

Please read and sign this form in the space provided below. Your written authorization and detail information is necessary to perform the background check for any interaction with or supervision of our Teens.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Other Names Used _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ State of Residence _____

Contact # _____ Email _____

I, _____, hereby authorize Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. to investigate and request a background check for the purposes of interactions with Teens in Top Teens of America, a youth group sponsored by Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. I understand that Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. will require my birth date and full name to perform this background check.

Signature _____ Date _____

Chapter TTA Advisor must complete the following:

Area _____ Chapter _____

State of Chapter _____ Check or MO# _____

TTA Advisor's Name _____ Contact # _____

Please send copy to National Financial Secretary with \$25.00.
Send original with signature & copy of photo identification (driver's license or state ID) to Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. 2914
Southmore, Houston, Texas 77004
(Please send at least 10 days prior to travel or event. Report will be returned to advisor)



April 4-7, 2019

Conference Attire

Thursday April 4, 2019

Host Night- Dress Attire Only

Bling Jeans (No Rips, Holes, Torn) High School, College or Sport Jersey, Sport Shirt and Tennis Shoes for this **night only** will be allowed

Friday April 5, 2019

Prayer Breakfast / Memorial Service

Teen Girls - Uninterrupted White Dress / Skirt white Blouse - NO pants White Shoes, White Stockings

Teen Boys - Black Suit White Shirt, Black Tie Dress Shoes - Dark

TTA Workshops / Plenary Sessions (Business Attire)

Teen Girls - Navy or Black skirts/pants with White Blouse (Hosiery Encouraged) Comfortable Black Dress Shoes - NO Tennis Shoes (Jacket is optional for non-officers) or TTA Sweater

Teen Boys- Navy or Black Dress Pants with Dress Shirt - Comfortable Black/ Brown Dress Shoes - NO Tennis Shoes (Jacket is Optional for non-officers) or TTA Sweater

Community Partnership Dinner

Teen Girls: Royal / Navy Blue/ Black Dress or Suit -- No Pants

Teen Boys: - Navy/ Black Suit with Blue Dress Shirt- Dark Tie

Saturday April 6, 2019

TTA Workshops/ Plenary Session/ Literacy Tour

Teen Girls: TTA Polo / TTA T-Shirt , Khaki Pants and casual shoes - NO Tennis Shoes

Teen Boys: TTA Polo/ TTA T-Shirt, Khaki Pants and casual shoes - NO Tennis Shoes

TTA Blue & Silver Presentation Ball

Teen Girls not being presented: Blue evening gown (No strapless) must have wrap to cover shoulders

Teen Boys: Black or Navy Blue Suit with White, Dark Tie or Bow tie, Dress Shoes

Sunday, April 7, 2019

TTA Traveling Clothes: TTA Shirts/ Polo jeans (No Holes, Rips, Torn) ,Tennis shoes allowed

Area V Top Teens of America You are Invited to....



Bling Jeans and Jersey



Wear your Bling Jeans (No holes, rips or torn jeans) and Your Favorite High School, HBCU or Sport Jersey.



Tennis shoes are allowed



Thursday, April 4, 2019

Crowne Plaza Hotel



Hosted by : Indianapolis Chapter, TTA
Area V TTA Advisor – Lady Annmarie Byers





2019 TTA HONORS & AWARDS INFORMATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ TTA Participation Intent Form
- ☐ TTA Talent Show Form
- ☐ TTA Literary Café Form
- ☐ T-Shirt Design Competition
- ☐ 2019 Graduating Seniors
- ☐ 2018-2019 Induction List
- ☐ Mr. & Miss TTA Pageantry
 - ☐ The Augusta Cash Latham Award TTA Essay Writing Contest
 - ☐ The Ruth Payne Smith Award TTA Speakers
 - ☐ The Florence J. Smith Award Tournament
 - ☐ The Outstanding Teen Scrapbook

- TTA Chapter Scrapbook
- The Top Teen Director's Award Chapter with highest attendance
- The Angie McLeod Award 1st Place Scholarship
- The Ethel Kuyendall Award 2nd Place Scholarship

TTA Spelling Bee (See Website TTA Documents for Details)

Copies of paper submission send to
ladyannmariebyers2007@gmail.com

Lady Annmarie Byers

Area V. TTA Advisor



TOP TEEN PARTICIPATION INTENT FORM

Month/Year

Speaker's Tournament Participant Names

Top Teens Essay Participant Names

Area Outstanding Top Teen Participant Name

Number in Attendance

Scholarship Participant Names

Chapter Musical Representative

Mr. & Miss Top Teen Participant Names

Chapter _____ TTA Advisor's Name _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Top Teens Scrapbook Participant Names

Names of New Teens Inducted in Attendance

Induction

Mr. _____

Literary Café Participant Names

Miss _____

Talent Show Participant Names

Spelling Bee Participant Name

Signature TTA Advisor

**Please return this form by March 15, 2019
to:**

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AREA TTA TALENT SHOW FORM

Name _____ Chapter _____

Solo or Group Performance: _____

Names of Teen Performers:

Description of talent to be performed:

**Please note, if music is needed for the performance, the teen(s) must use the "clean version" of the music from an electronic devise such as an mp3 player or ipod.*

***All talent should be viewed by the chapter the TTA Advisor prior to coming to Area. In addition the Area Advisor will review the talent prior to the actually show on Friday night.*

****If a group, a separate form will be needed for all teens who are a part of the group*

Signature of Teen

Signature of TLOD Chapter President

Signature of Chapter TTA Advisor

Please return this form by March 15, 2019 to:

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LITERACY COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



LITERARY CAFÉ IMPACT!

Friday, April 5, 2019

10:15 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Chapters, Ladies, Lords and Teens are encouraged to participate in one or more of three (3) ways:

SPOKEN WORD PRESENTATION Read your original, positive, empowering and creatively inspiring Poetry selection to an appreciative audience of Ladies, Lords and Teens. Impact others with your expressive thoughts and vision.

CHAPTER LITERACY DISPLAY All Area V Chapters should display local chapter Literacy programs and activities at this event.

PUBLISHED AUTHOR DISPLAY Published Area V Authors and Journalists may display their work.

NOTES: 1) Participants print your name and provide your Signature.
2) Tables will be available for displays.

Chapter _____ TLOD President _____

SPOKEN WORD PRESENTATION (POETRY READING)

Lady _____ Signature _____
Lord _____ Signature _____
Teen _____ Signature _____

TTA Advisor's Signature _____

CHAPTER LITERACY DISPLAY - Literary Café

Chapter _____ Literacy Committee Chairperson _____

Table(s) needed for display _____

PUBLISHED AUTHOR DISPLAY

Lady Author _____ Signature _____
Lord Author _____ Signature _____
Teen Author _____ Signature _____

TTA Advisor's Signature _____

Author describe display table size needs: _____

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Top Teens of America Area V 44th Annual Leadership Conference 2019

TOP TEENS T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION



Each chapter is to design and bring their own Chapter T-Shirts. The shirt can be T-shirts or polo's (long or short sleeve). All TTA Chapters and TTA Advisors are required to have a t-shirt as the teens will wear these shirts with khaki pants to the TTA outing. These shirts will be judged at the conference.

Criteria for Top Teens T-Shirt Design Contest:

- Mention of at least 5 TLOD Thrusts (10 points)
- Color of t-shirt: royal blue, silver or grey (10 points)
- Creativity of the design (60 points)
- Include Chapter Name (10 points)
- Include TTA Emblem (5 points)
- Include the TTA motto (5 points)

Each chapter participating in the T-shirt contest will need to bring one of their shirts to the Awards room for judging by 2pm on **Friday, April 5, 2019.**

2019 GRADUATING SENIORS

Each chapter will submit the name(s) of each graduating senior along with the name of their high school and future plans.

Chapter _____ TTA Advisor _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Teen's Name	High School	Prospective College/ Technical School	Attendin g Area Conferen ce

Please place a (✓) next to the names of those who will be in attendance at the 44th Area Conference

Please return this form by March 15, 2019 to:

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TEENS INDUCTED SINCE LAST CONFERENCE
(March 2018-March 2019)

Each chapter will submit the name(s) of teens inducted since the last Area Conference. Please indicate if the teen will be in attendance at the conference.

Chapter _____ TTA Advisor _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Teen's Name	High School	Grade Level	Month of Induction	Attending Area Conference

Please place a (✓) next to the names of those who will be in attendance at the 44nd Area Conference

Please return this form by March 15, 2019 to:

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MR TOP TEEN PRESENTATION FORM

Name _____ Chapter _____

Parents _____ Grade _____ School _____

Community / Church Activities _____

School Activities / Honors / Awards _____

Top Teen Participation

Local _____

Area _____

National _____

What specific contributions have you made to further the TLOD Projects?

Other Organizations _____

Attire: Black Tuxedo or dark suit, white shirt, matching bow-tie.

Signature of TLOD Chapter President

Signature of Chapter TTA Advisor

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MISS TOP TEEN PRESENTATION FORM

Name _____ Chapter _____

Parents _____ Grade _____ School _____

Community / Church Activities

School Activities / Honors / Awards

Top Teen Participation

Local _____

Area _____

National _____

What specific contributions have you made to further the TLOD Projects?

Other Organizations

Attire: A simple white floor length dress, elbow length gloves, single strand of white pearls, single pearl earrings, and white pump heels.

Signature of TLOD Chapter President

Signature of Chapter TTA Advisor

Please return by March 15, 2019

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Area V will present financial awards to winners in the Area Essay and Speakers Tournament. Teens please make sure to follow ALL Guidelines and meet the deadlines to be eligible to win.

THE AUGUSTA CASH LATHAM TTA ESSAY CONTEST

First Place Winner	\$150.00
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Upon arrival, each speaker should sign-in, giving the following information:

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Contents/Composition – Maximum 50 points		Delivery – Maximum 50 points	
Related to subject	10 pts.	Voice/articulation/pronunciation	10 pts.
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Logical sequence	10 pts	Expressive communication	10 pts
Choice of words	10 pts	Within time allotment	10 pts
Structure of grammar	10 pts	Delivered without notes	10 pts

Winners will be announced at the Blue and Silver Celebration on Saturday, April 6, 2019

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TTA ESSAY CONTEST FORM**

Name _____ Chapter _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Parents' Name _____

School _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Principal's Name _____

Counselor's Name _____

Signature of Teen _____

Signature of TTA Sponsor _____

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These will be judged prior to the conference, so be sure to meet the deadline.

Please return this form by **March 15, 2019** to:

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2017 – 2019 NATIONAL ESSAYS AND SPEAKER TOPICS

“FREE SPEECH RALLIES”THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

OUR COUNTRY IS CONFRONTED WITH VOLATILE RACIAL UNREST THAT IS EXACERBATED BY THE VIOLENCE OF FREE SPEECH RALLIES SPONSORED BY THE ALT- RIGHT NATIONALIST, THE KKK, AND WHITE SUPREMACY GROUPS. DEFEND YOUR POSITION ON WHICH METHOD YOU SUPPORT; PARTICIPATE AS A COUNTER PROTESTER OR STAY AWAY FROM THE PROTEST AS NOT TO GIVE VALUE TO THE RALLY.

“LIFE AS A TEEN TODAY”THE STRESS OF IT ALL

ADOLESCENCE IS A TRANSITIONAL STAGE OF PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTAL CHANGE. IN TODAY'S SOCIETY TEENS ARE CONFRONTED WITH MANY ISSUES I.E DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ABUSE, SOCIAL MEDIA, PEER PRESSURE, BLENDED FAMILIES, ACADEMIC PRESSURES AND COMPLEX CHOICES WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES. HOW DO I HANDLE IT ALL?

“ON SCREEN VIOLENCE” IN MY OPINION

TELEVISION AND MOVIES ARE NOT THE ONLY FORMS THAT ALLOW TEENS ACCESS TO VIOLENCE. MOST TEENS PLAY VIDEO AND VIOLENT GAMES THAT OFTEN PORTRAY GORY SCENES AND DISTURBING ACTS OF AGGRESSION. OVER DECADES, MANY STUDIES HAVE LINKED WATCHING AND PARTICIPATING IN VIOLENT GAMES TO A LACK OF EMPATHY. DEFEND THIS CONCEPT.

“HBCU VS PWI” WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

BOTH INSTITUTIONS OFFER QUALITY EDUCATION AND A UNIQUE COLLEGE LIFE. DO YOU CHOOSE YOUR CULTURAL HERITAGE EXPERIENCE OR THE PREDOMINANTLY WHITE INSTITUTION EXPERIENCE THAT REMOVES YOU FROM YOUR COMFORT ZONE TO FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION?

“GLOBAL WARNING: TRUTH OR MYTH

THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL SHIFTS IN TEMPERATURES AND WEATHER PATTERNS IN THE PAST FEW DECADES THAT SOME FEEL CONTRIBUTES TO GLOBAL WARNING. DEFEND YOUR POSITION FOR OR AGAINST THE CONCLUSION THAT GLOBAL WARNING IS THE MAJOR REASON FOR THESE ATMOSPHERIC CHANGES.

“SOCIAL MEDIA: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY”

SOCIAL MEDIA CAN BE PROBLEMATIC FOR SEVERAL REASONS. THE RISE OF SOCIAL MEDIA USED BY TEENS HAS MADE BULLYING MUCH MORE PUBLIC AND MORE PERVASIVE. UNFORTUNATELY, UNHEALTHY MESSAGES OFTEN GO VIRAL. TECHNOLOGY HAS INFECTED OUR WORLD. DO YOU FEEL IT IS GOOD OR BAD?

AREA V MOST OUTSTANDING TOP TEEN

The applicant must:

1. Be an active Top Teen in an Area V TTA Chapter that is in good standing at the Area and National levels.
2. Be an active member in a TTA Chapter for at least two years. Portfolio must include involvement in TTA activities. The Top Teen should be selected by Top Teen group/advisor from teens who meet at least four of these requirements: (1) attended at least 95% of chapter teen meetings, (2) attended at least 95% of chapter teen activities, (3) completed last school year with a 2.0 or above grade point average, (4) has good citizenship, (5) walked in the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon, (6) participated in the March of Dimes Healthy Choices Conference.
3. Demonstrate qualities to represent the organization at any private or public function. An Ambassador of Goodwill.
4. Provide a portfolio of community activities (no more than ten (10) 8" X 10" pages). Do not send items which need to be returned. Introduction sheet must include name chapter, area, city and state of application. The second page is the actual application.

Each chapter should submit only one candidate. (Please screen your applicants at the local level).

Bring portfolios to the awards room by 2 pm on Friday, April 5, 2019 for judging.

**AREA V MOST OUTSTANDING TOP TEEN
AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

Name _____ Chapter _____ Age _____
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E-mail _____

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***2019 Area Leadership Conference
Spelling Bee Competition
Participation Form***

Chapter: _____

Top Teens Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Top Teens Advisor's Name: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Top Teens Signature (Participant)

Top Teens Advisor's Signature

Top Teens Chapter President's Signature

~Area Spelling Bee contestants are Teens who won their local Chapter Spelling Bee Contest~

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Spelling Bee

A **Spelling Bee** (also sometimes called a "**Spelling B**") is a competition in which Teens are asked to **spell** a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty.

PURPOSE:

- To demonstrate to the youth and community the concern and appreciation of the need of knowing how to communicate via written and oral language
- To encourage youth to learn to spell in an exciting environment

BENEFITS:

- To recognize academic efforts and success of young people
- Heightens community awareness of TTA
- Promotes a youth activity which is fun and educational
- To gain recognition as a service club whose membership demonstrates a concern for the youth in the community
- Foster's personal satisfaction for TTA members in achieving recognition, as well as involvement in TTA activities

LOCAL:

- Encourage local chapters to hold Spelling Bees
- Winners will advance to the Area Spelling Bee

AREA:

- Area Spelling Bee Teens are from Local Chapters
- Winners from the Areas 1-6 will advance to the National Level

NATIONAL:

- National Level Teens will compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

PRIZES & RECOGNITIONS:

- All Teens on all levels will receive a Certificate of Participation
- Local Teens 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive a Medallion
- Area Teens 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive a trophy
- National Teens 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive a Medallion and a cash prize(1st Place \$250.00; 2nd Place \$150.00 and 3rd Place \$100.00)

Organizing Your Spelling Bee

Local Level: Timeline

- October 2018 (After Parliament-Top): Teens will volunteer to compete in the Spelling Bee
- October 2018-December 2018: Study the Word List to prepare for the competition (The Word List will also be the List utilized on the Area and National Levels)
- January 2019: Hold the Spelling Bee Competition
- Prizes will be awarded from their Chapter
- Certificates will be provided to all participants
- 1st Place winner will advance to Area

Area Level: All Chapter winners will advance to Area

- January 2019 –The Teens will continue to study the Spelling List
- Areas will host their own Spelling Bee competition with the Teens that will represent the Chapters in that Area
- The Winner from that Area will represent their Area at Syn-Lod
- Prizes will be awarded for the Winner
- Certificates will be provided to all participants
- 1st Placer winner will advance to Syn-Lod

National Level (Syn-Lod 2019) Area Winners will advance to Syn-lod

- The Area winners will continue to study the Spelling List through June 2019
- Syn-Lod 2019 will host the Spelling Bee competition
- Prizes will be awarded to the Winners
- Certificates will be provided to all participants