

The Rigdon Cup Contest

Texas District Student Ministry of the Year

A contest created to help facilitate revival across the district by encouraging apostolic student ministries to engage their students in personal evangelism and Sheaves for Christ fundraising in the local church. Youth groups will be rewarded for excellence in all phases of student ministry: effective ministry in the local church, a positive impact in the local community, participation in youth department programs and events, and sacrificial giving to the SFC offering. One winner will be chosen each year by the Texas Youth Committee and awarded at Holiday Youth Convention. The evaluation will be based on a per capita scale so that every church has an equal opportunity to win the award. The award is named in honor of Rev. Calvin Rigdon, former General Youth President of the UPC. He was a visionary leader in student ministry and was responsible for starting the Sheaves for Christ fundraising program in 1952.

Contestants will be judged in four main areas:

- Participation in sectional, district and national programs and events: sectional events, HYC, Uplink, Youth Camps, AYC-Texas, AYC-GYD, The-Commune-ity Meeting, and FUEL.
- Evangelism and community service: Bible studies taught, souls won and creative ministry opportunities in the community.
- Local church involvement: local youth ministry activities (Bible Quizzing, youth choir/band, youth service, outreach)
- Sheaves for Christ Giving: per capita offering amount (a minimum of \$100 per young person must be given from your church), percentage of increase in this year's offering, and creativity in raising funds.

Contest winners will receive:

- The Rigdon Cup. The trophy presentation will take place at HYC each year. The winning student ministries' name will be engraved on the cup. The cup stays with the winner for one year. At the next HYC, the previous winner will help present the cup to the new reigning student ministry champion!
- The winning student ministry will have all youth camp tuition covered for their youth that year* (Actual dollar amount awarded cannot exceed 50% of your church's SFC offering for 2009).
- The student pastor/leader will receive a \$500 travel voucher.

Additional Information:

- Student Ministry Age Limit: 12 – 25 (single); for the purpose of this contest please use this criteria for determining your youth group size.
- Contest Kick-off: January 1, 2009
- Contest Conclusion: December 31, 2009
- Application Deadline: February 1, 2010 (must be postmarked by this date)

Mail Application to: Rev. Brian McCoy / P.O. Box 1804 / Winnie, TX 77665



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APPLICATION

Please print or type on the application using blue or black ink. Do not leave any blank lines or unanswered questions. If the question does not apply, fill in the blank with a N/A and, if necessary, a brief reason why it doesn't apply. This application must be reviewed and signed by your pastor before being submitted.

Student Ministry Information

Student Ministry Name: _____

How many students are in your youth group? _____ (12-25 year olds that are single. Give an average for the year)

Youth Pastor's Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Church Phone # _____ Pastor Phone # _____

Student Ministry Participation in 2009

How many sectional youth rallies and events did your student ministry attend in 2009? _____ How many sectional events took place in 2009? _____

How many students attended Holiday Youth Convention 2009? _____

How many students participated in a local or sectional Uplink event? _____

How many students attended Youth Camp in 2009? _____

How many of your students participated in AYC-T in 2009? _____

How many participated in a GYD sponsored AYC trip in 2009? _____

How many youth staff from your church attended The Commune-ity Meeting - Texas? _____

How many students attended FUEL: College and Career Retreat? _____

Did your student ministry attend (as a group) any other district sponsored events such as Campmeeting, Church In A Day Project, or others (list each event): _____

Evangelism and Community Service in 2009

Was your student ministry involved in outreach efforts? _____ What type of outreach activities and how often? _____

How many Bible Studies did your students teach? _____ (Into His Marvelous Light is the preferred Bible Study of Texas Youth Ministries)

How many students received the Holy Ghost for the first time? _____

How many were baptized? _____

Was your student ministry involved in any community service projects? _____

List all projects and the date and/or frequency of the projects. _____

List any other ministry opportunities that your student ministry was involved in. _____

Local Church Involvement in 2009

Did you have a Bible Quiz Ministry in 2009? _____ How many quizzers? _____

Did you have a youth choir or youth band? _____

Did you have a regularly scheduled student service? _____ How often? _____

Give a brief description of your normal weekly/monthly activities for your student ministry. _____

What is the reason for the name of your student ministry? _____

List any other ministries your students are involved in at your church:
(Sign/rod team, usher/hostess, SS teaching, bus ministry, musicians, etc.)

Sheaves For Christ Giving

What was your church's 2009 Sheaves for Christ offering total? _____

What was your 2008 offering total? _____

What was your total dollar increase/decrease? _____

What was your percentage of increase/decrease? _____

How many students attended the SFC Blitz? _____

Explain how you raised your SFC offering and include details on how you used creativity and hard effort to reach your goal? _____

Signature of Student Pastor/Leader _____ Date

Signature of Pastor _____ Date

For District Youth Committee Only

____ pts Participation _____ pts Evangelism
____ pts Church Involvement _____ pts SFC Giving

****Important: this application must be mailed by the deadline in order to be eligible for consideration.***