

ISC Information Booklet for Schools

2023 International Student Convention May 13-18
Ridgecrest Conference Center
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Precious few experiences will influence your students for their entire lifetime. International Student Convention represents one experience that can make that bold promise. Please review [Student Convention Guidelines](#) for more information, or call 615-612-5200.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Registration/Participation fees will vary depending on the options you select during registration. See the options and fees below:

VIRTUAL ONLY

\$30/person – School Registration Fee (Maximum \$300/School)

\$100 – Contestant Fee

VIRTUAL AND ON-CAMPUS COMBINATION (includes housing and meals)

\$30/person – School Registration Fee (Maximum \$300/School)

\$370 – Student/Sponsor/Guest Fee

VIRTUAL AND OFF-CAMPUS COMBINATION (no housing or meals included)

\$30/person – School Registration Fee (Maximum \$300/School)

\$200 – Student/Sponsor Fee

\$30 – Guest Fee

NOTE: Due to increased security measures, it will be necessary for ALL persons seeking admittance into any on-campus building to be registered. This applies to students, sponsors, and guests. All guests will be required to be registered – prior to arriving at ISC – with the school with which they are attending ISC.

REGISTRATION

PREREGISTRATION

Preregistration packets must be postmarked by April 21, 2023.

REGISTRATION MAILING AND SHIPPING ADDRESSES

Please send all registration information by email to studentconventions@aceschooloftomorrow.com or to either of the following addresses:

Mailing Address

A.C.E.

Attn: ISC

P.O. Box 2707

Hendersonville, TN 37077-2707

Shipping Address

A.C.E.

Attn: ISC

130 Maple Drive North

Hendersonville, TN 37075

If a receiving phone number for the shipping address is required, please use 615-612-5200.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION MAY 13

On-site registration is from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. There will be NO LATE REGISTRATION.

DRESS CHECK

There will be a mandatory dress check for all participants at registration. Come to Ridgecrest in appropriate Student Convention dress and with proper haircuts on registration day. Schools may not register unless all of the sponsors and students meet at least the nonrally dress code. See the [Student Convention Guidelines](#) for specific details.

CAMPUS INFORMATION

NO EARLY ARRIVALS/THURSDAY NIGHT STAY OVERS

Ridgecrest cannot accommodate any early arrivals (May 12) or Thursday night stay overs (May 18).

SHIPPING AND MAILING ADDRESS

If it is necessary for you to ship something to the Convention, please clearly address USPS, UPS®, or FedEx® correspondence or packages as follows:

Name of Participant

Ridgecrest Conference Center
Attention: Conferences (A.C.E.)
P.O. Box 128
Ridgecrest, NC 28770

If a receiving phone number is required, please use 828-669-3761.

LOST KEY FEE

There will be a \$15 fee for a lost key.

WEATHER

Average temperatures in May for the Black Mountain, North Carolina, area range from overnight lows in the 50s (12°C) to daytime highs in the mid-80s (29°C).

CHECKOUT

All those staying on campus must check out of the residence halls before the Awards Ceremony (Thursday, May 18, 8 a.m.). The last meal provided by Ridgecrest will be breakfast on Thursday, May 18.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants must make all arrangements for transportation to and from Ridgecrest Conference Center. Be sure your ENTIRE transportation arrangements are confirmed before departing from home. A.C.E. does not provide shuttle service within campus during ISC. Thus, transportation on and off campus is the responsibility of the schools/families.

Air Travel: Most major airlines serve the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. Ridgecrest Conference Center is located in Black Mountain, North Carolina, which is about a 1-hour-40-minute drive from Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.

HOUSING AND MEALS

GUESTS

Guests 13 years of age and older may register with a school and stay in the residence halls. Men will stay in the boys' residence halls and ladies in the girls' residence halls. Fees are the same as for contestants and sponsors. **(CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE MAY NOT STAY IN RESIDENCE HALLS.)**

NEW SECURITY POLICY

ISC Passports are now required for all individuals to enter ISC events and rallies. Please register guests with your school's preregistration. Any unregistered guests must go to Master Control upon arrival on campus to register with their school and receive a passport. Children under the age of six are not allowed in competition rooms.

GUIDELINES AND FORMS

STUDENT CONVENTION GUIDELINES

Current *Student Convention Guidelines* may be viewed [here](#).

SPONSOR FORMS (CF5)

If you have a student who will have a sponsor from another school, a **copy** of that school's completed Sponsor Registration Form (CF5), with the appropriate signature, **must** be included in your registration packet. (Forms are available in the Forms section of the Guidelines.)

STUDENT CONVENTION SCREENING FORM (CF16)

ALL schools must annually complete a Student Convention Screening Form (CF16) for conventions. (Forms are available in the Forms section of the Guidelines.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXHIBIT ENTRIES

Exhibits staff will be available to accept submitted entries in Johnson Spring Ballroom between the hours of 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 13. **These exhibits must be checked in on Saturday!**

JUDGES NEEDED

International Student Convention is looking for qualified staff to assist in judging various areas of competition at this year's Convention. If you have training, experience, or other qualifications in a particular field and would be willing to assist as a paid judge in this vital area of Convention, please email the Student Convention Office at studentconventions@aceschooloftomorrow.com or call 615-612-5200.

JUDGES' MEETING

There will be a mandatory meeting for all judges on Sunday morning immediately following the worship service in the Spilman Auditorium.

SUNDAY 9 A.M.

Attendance is strongly encouraged at the Sunday morning orientation and worship service. Rest, practice, and becoming acquainted with the location of buildings and competition rooms are encouraged after the service.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Out of respect for each winner, plan to attend the entire Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony should conclude around 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, May 18. Schools will not be able to receive their packets unless they stay until the end of the Convention. Please make travel arrangements accordingly.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Basketball and Volleyball: Competition will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday. No practice courts will be available before competition. Male competitors in athletic events must wear loose-fitting, full-length sweat pants, warm-up pants, trousers, or knee-length hemmed shorts. Male students may not wear shorts outside of athletic competition areas. Please wear long warm-ups or pants over shorts while going to and from competition.

OPEN COMPETITION AT ISC

Please note that no Regional Convention qualification is required for the following “official” events. (Students are encouraged to participate in these events at Regional Student Convention; however, it is not a requirement to qualify for International Student Convention.)

NOTE: These events count toward the total number of school and individual entries submitted/entered. (Total combined number of performance and nonperformance events must not exceed twelve.) Only six entries from each school, except for Soulwinning, Golden Apple, Golden Lamb, Golden Harp, Christian Soldier, Christian Worker, Scribe’s Award, and Consecutive Word Count.

- Bible Memory (#201)
- Website Design (#223)
- PowerPoint® Presentation-Linear (#224)
- PowerPoint®-Nonlinear (#225)
- Soulwinning (#230)
- Golden Apple (#231)
- Golden Lamb (#232)
- Golden Harp (#233)
- Christian Soldier (#234)
- Christian Worker (#235)
- Consecutive Word Count (#236)
- Scribe’s Award (#237)
- Metalworking (#313)
- Scrapbooking (#314)
- Pennant Design (#315)
- Formals (#352)
- Coats/Suits (#353)
- Knitting (#360)
- Afghans (#362)
- Color Guard (#461)
- Flag Corps (#462)
- Music Composition (#550)
- Music Arranging (#551)
- Dramatic Monologue (#603)
- Preaching—ages 13-15 (#609)
- Preaching—ages 16 and up (#610)
- Ventriloquism (#624)
- Interpretation for the Deaf (#626)
- Radio Program (#627)
- Scripture Video (#628)
- Group Bible Speaking (#629)
- A.C.E. Character Trait Video (#630)

GAME ZONE EVENTS FOR 2023

This year's International Student Convention will feature a host of "Game Zone" events. These events are open to ALL participants attending International Student Convention and do not require Regional Convention qualification or preregistration.

All Game Zone event participants must conform to the dress and appearance guidelines for similar event categories.

No official events will be rescheduled due to conflicts with Game Zone. **All *Student Convention Guidelines* will apply for Game Zone events.**

GENERAL INFORMATION & GUIDELINES FOR VIRTUAL EVENTS

The Virtual Student Convention will follow the guidelines for International Student Convention to ensure the uniformity of the convention and equality in competition for all participants. There are a few exceptions listed below.

1. After the registration deadline, all schools that registered for any virtual event will be emailed a detailed handbook on how to upload their students' events to their school portal.
2. Only one copy will be required for all written entries, outlines, and scripts. These items will be uploaded digitally to your school's portal, preferably in the PDF format.
3. All copies must have the student's name, school name, address, and school telephone number. Sheet music can be photographed and needs to include the student's name, school name, address, and telephone number on the photograph.
4. No judges' forms will be needed, and judges' forms will not be returned to the schools.
5. Color Guard/Flag Corps division:
 - a. Individual inspection will be adhered to in a virtual format.
 - b. Video each participant and group as if you were a judge for inspection.
 - c. Upload all the paperwork, photos, and video to your school's portal. You will not need any judges' forms.
6. Music and Platform events:
 - a. The emphasis will not be on memorization because a person can be videoed multiple times and then only the best video uploaded.
 - b. You will not need a photo of the student performing his event because the participant will be in the video.
 - c. Make sure you list the student name(s) in each event.
 - d. Upload all the paperwork and video to your school's portal. You will not need any judges' forms.
 - e. Multiple screens are not necessary. The quality of the video is not part of the judging process.
7. Science/Social Studies projects:
 - a. Follow the A.C.E. guidelines in preparing and displaying the projects.
 - b. When videoing the student's project, have the student stand by the display.
 - c. Have the student give a short explanation of the project.
 - d. The student may also demonstrate the project, such as an engineering or research experiment, to further clarify.
 - e. Upload all the paperwork, photos, and video to your school's portal. You will not need any judges' forms.

8. Woodworking projects:
 - a. Follow the A.C.E. guidelines in preparing and displaying the project.
 - b. Take photos of the project in stages until it is completed.
 - c. When videoing the student's project, have the student stand by the display.
 - d. Zoom in on videoing the project and video completely around the project.
 - e. Upload all the paperwork, photos, and video to your school's portal. You will not need any judges' forms.
9. Each school may allow as many people to upload the students' events as they would like. However, if you choose to have multiple people do the uploading, they will not be able to see what others have uploaded. Therefore, we recommend only one person do all the uploading for your school. After each early entry has been uploaded, it will be viewed by the convention staff to see if it meets the A.C.E. convention guidelines. The school will be notified by email if the entry has been accepted or rejected. If the entry is accepted, then the school has completed the uploading process for that entry. If the entry is rejected, the school will be notified by email stating the reason(s) for the rejection. The school can then make the necessary adjustments and upload the entry again, provided the deadline to upload has not passed. A school can upload the same entry multiple times, but only the last upload will be viewed. Once the deadline for uploading has passed, there can be no changes to any entry and only the approved entries will be judged.
10. After the Awards' Program, A.C.E. will email every school a winners' list and the awards their students won.