

NSC INFORMATION BOOKLET

2019 Nigeria Student Convention

July 22-25

Gaat International School, Abuja

Precious few experiences will influence your students for their entire lifetime. The Nigeria Students Convention represents one experience that can make that bold promise. Please review *Student Convention Guidelines* for more information or call the following numbers: 0706 685 8842; 0803 506 2123.

WHO IS QUALIFIED?

The student convention is designed for students ages 9 to 18. *Each contestant must be currently enrolled and actively studying in a complete course of at least two of the five Accelerated Christian Education core subjects (Math, English, Social Studies, Science, or Word Building).*

The Junior category of the student convention covers students from ages 9 to 12. This category helps to prepare students in our junior levels for competition at the senior level by introducing them to the standards of competition at the senior level without the attending pressures of that level of competition.

The senior category is for students who are aged 13-18. This level of competition also serves as qualification for the All Africa Student Convention (AASC) and/or the International Student Convention (ISC). The Performance of each student is judged against specific standards established internationally by A.C.E. Every student has the potential for success if they prepare themselves according to the requirements of their event.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

School registration fee (non-refundable) = ₦1,000/person, maximum of ₦10,000/school

Home school registration (non-refundable) – ₦1,000/person, maximum of ₦10,000/home school

Contestant or Sponsor's Registration (full package: dorm, meals, and registration) = ₦40,000/person

Contestant's or Sponsor's Registration fee (no dorm and no meals) = ₦20,000/person

Late registration fee (EACH person registering on Tuesday, July 23) = ₦1,000/person

Off-campus guests (Not contestants; please register at NSC Information Desk) = ₦5,000/person

Individuals staying Off-campus can purchase a Meal Ticket at the Entrance of Dining Hall

REGISTRATION

PREREGISTRATION

1. Pay school and student registration into the following account:

Account Name : Students Convention Nig.
Bank : First Bank
Account No. : 3121424119
Reference : School Name and Customer No.

NOTE: School Registration FULL FEE and a ₦20,000/person DEPOSIT **must be paid before** the on-line registration. Both are non-refundable.

2. Send the deposit slip by e-mail to studentsconventionng@gmail.com

3. Complete the following forms through <https://www.acenigeria.com/nigeria-senior-amp-junior-convention>

Please **submit the original forms ON SITE** and keep copies for your records.

- School Screening Form
- Sponsor Registration Form
- Student Registration Form
- Judge Registration Form

4. Include the following in your packet:

- Signed Dress Code Policy (one/person – sponsors and students)
- Copy of proof of payment (NON-REFUNDABLE: School Registration FULL FEE and Individual Registration FEE DEPOSIT OF ₦20,000/person.)

Preregistration packs must be postmarked by Monday, June 10, 2019. This date applies **only** to preregistration and **not to Early Entries**.

REGISTRATION AND MAILING ADDRESS

Please send all registration information and early entries to the following address:

E-mail Address

studentsconventionng@gmail.com

[Phone: 0706 685 8842](tel:07066858842)

ON-SITE REGISTRATION: MONDAY, JULY 22

On-site registration is from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

LATE REGISTRATION: TUESDAY, JULY 23

A N1,000/person late registration fee will be charged to those registering on Tuesday, July 23

DRESS CHECK

There will be a mandatory dress check for all participants at registration. Come to the venue 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 non-rally dress code. See the *Student Convention Guidelines* for specific details.

CAMPUS INFORMATION

NO EARLY ARRIVALS/FRIDAY NIGHT STAY OVERS

Gaat International School **cannot accommodate** any early arrivals (July 21) or Thursday night stay overs (July 25).

KEY DEPOSIT

Key deposits will not be required this year. However, the cost of each lost key is N500.

LINENS

Linens will be **not** be available for participants. Everyone must bring his/her own bed sheet and blanket.

CHECKOUT

All those staying on campus must check out of the dorms before the Awards Ceremony (Thursday, July 25, 8:30 a.m.). The last meal provided by the Convention will be breakfast on Thursday, July 25.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants must make all arrangements for transportation to and from Gaat International School. Be sure your ENTIRE transportation arrangements are confirmed before departing from home. NSC does not provide shuttle service within the school during NSC. Thus, transportation on and off campus is the responsibility of the schools/families.

Air Travel: Most major local airlines serve the Abuja International Airport. Gaat International School is located in *Plot 265 Cadastral Zone, B13 Gaduwa District, Abuja, FCT*. The campus is about 45 minutes from the Abuja International Airport.

Public Transportation: Schools and families coming from the western or southern Nigeria must begin their journey on Sunday, July 21 to meet up with Registration, Appearance Check and Opening Ceremonies on Monday, July 22 at 7 pm.

Shuttle Service: Schools/families are individually responsible for Shuttle/Tour reservations and must be made in advance.

HOUSING AND MEALS

GUESTS

Guests 13 years of age and older may register with a school and stay in the dorms. Men will stay in the boys' dorm and ladies in the girls' dorm. Fees are the same as for contestants and sponsors.

(CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE MAY NOT STAY IN DORMS.)

Guests residing off campus must register at the Information Desk (N5,000 fee per person). Guests are welcome at events and rallies but are not allowed in dorms and are required to abide by the dress code of the Convention. Children **under the age of six are not allowed** in competition rooms.

ON –CAMPUS MEALS

Individuals staying off-campus may eat meals in the Dining facilities for the following prices:

Breakfast	-	₦600.00
Lunch	-	₦600.00
Dinner	-	₦600.00

GUIDELINES AND FORMS

STUDENT CONVENTION GUIDELINES

Student Convention Guidelines may be viewed at the www.acenigeria.com

STUDENT CONVENTION SCREENING FORM (CF16) to be filled up at www.acenigeria.com

ALL schools must complete the NSC Screening Form. Schools **MUST REGISTER FIRST** THROUGH THE SCREENING FORM AND PAY THE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE the sponsors, students and judges can be registered.

SPONSOR FORMS (CF5) to be filled up at www.acenigeria.com

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

STUDENT REGISTRATION FORMS to be filled up at www.acenigeria.com

JUDGE'S FORM to be filled up at www.acenigeria.com. We would like to request that each school provide us with at least one judge to assist with Judging at the convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXHIBIT ENTRIES

Exhibits staff will be available to accept submitted entries between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday, July 22. **If you register on Monday, July 22 you MUST check in your exhibits that same day. On Tuesday, July 23,** exhibits staff will be accepting entries from 9 am. to 12 noon and **ONLY** from those schools that have **paid their late registration fees** and have been given a **CF19 signed by the Coordinator of Master Control.**

MONDAY SPONSORS' ORIENTATION, JULY 22, 9 P.M.

Attendance is strongly encouraged at the July 22 Monday Orientation immediately after the Opening Ceremonies at the Main Auditorium. Rest, practice, and becoming acquainted with location of buildings and competition rooms are encouraged after the orientation.

JUDGES' MEETING JULY 22, 10 P.M.

There will be a mandatory meeting for all judges on Monday, 22 July, by 10 pm at the Main Auditorium.

JUDGES NEEDED

Nigeria 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 studentsconventionng@gmail.com or call 0706 685 8842.

OPENING CEREMONIES, JULY 22, MONDAY

Rehearsal – 3 p.m.

Program - 7 p.m.

Every participating school must attend the Opening Ceremonies on Monday night, July 22, 7 p.m. at the Main Auditorium. Each school must bring their own flex banner, size 3ft x 4ft to be carried by students of each respective school in the Processional of Schools. Students from all schools are also encouraged to send their representative students to join the NSC Combined Choir. Rehearsals for the Opening Ceremonies will be at the Main Auditorium by 4 p.m.

ALUMNI PARTICIPATION

Graduates from ACE schools willing to serve as NSC Staff (called 24/7 Squad), as a judge or participant in the Rally Nights Program should communicate with the NSC Convention Office by e-mail studentsconventionng@gmail.com or call 0706 685 8842

AWARDS CEREMONY

Out of respect for each winner, plan to attend the entire Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony should conclude around 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. Schools will not be able to receive their packets unless they stay until the end of the Convention. Please make travel arrangements accordingly.

ATHLETIC/ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Basketball and Volleyball: Gyms will open for competition at 8 a.m. on Tuesday. 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.

EVENTS

ALL EVENTS must be concluded by Wednesday, July 24. No event or rematch will be held on the Awarding Day, July 25. The decisions of the Judges are final.

EARLY ENTRY SUBMISSION

To help facilitate judging, the following **event entries must be postmarked and submitted to NSC by Monday, June 10, 2019**. Entries will be judged prior to Nigeria Student Convention, and winners must be present to receive their medals (e.g., if the third-place winner in Essay Writing is not present, his/her name will be removed from the winners' list and the next person on the list will move up).

Early Entries must be submitted to the following address:

E-mail: studentsconventionng@gmail.com

Subject: *EARLY ENTRY*

Please note: These events count toward the total number of school and individual entries submitted/entered. (Total combined number of performance and non-performance events must not exceed twelve). Only six entries in each event may be submitted from each school.

- Essay Writing
- Poetry Writing
- Short Story Writing
- Website Design
- PowerPoint Presentation (Linear)
- PowerPoint Presentation (Nonlinear)
- Music Composition
- Music arranging
- Radio Program
- Scripture Video
- A.C.E. Character Trait Video

EXISTING EVENT CLARIFICATIONS

Group Bible Speaking—#629

The Scripture passage for Group Bible Speaking is to be chosen from the following list:

1. Genesis 6:12-7:9
2. Psalms 107: 21-43
3. Psalms 148:149,150
4. Jonah 1:1-2:10
5. Matthew 5:18-6:16
6. Luke: 8:22-26,40-56
7. Acts 27:1, 9-26,40-44
8. II Timothy 3:16 4:18

Bible Bowl—#217

The 2019 questions will cover Numbers, II Kings, Ezra, Ecclesiastes, Hosea, Habakkuk, John, I Corinthians, Philemon, I Peter, and III John.

Flag Corps—#462

“O Happy Day” by Bands of the Salvation Army

Scripture Video—#628

The 2019 passage of Scripture to be used this year is **John 15**.

Pennant Design—#315

- 2019 theme: Light Your World!
- Scripture verse: Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
- Location: Gaat International School, Plot 265, Cadastral Zone, B13 Gaduwa District, Abuja
- Dates: 22-25 July 2019

OPEN COMPETITION

Students are encouraged to participate in these events at National Student Convention; however, NSC participation is not a requirement to qualify for International Student Convention.

Please note: These events count toward the total number of school and individual entries submitted/entered. (Total combined number of performance and non-performance events must not exceed twelve.) Schools may have no more than six entries per event with these exceptions: Soulwinning, Golden Apple, Golden Lamb, Golden Harp, Christian Soldier, Christian Worker, and Consecutive Word Count.

- Bible Memory
- Golden Apple
- Golden Harp
- Golden Lamb
- Christian Soldier
- Christian Worker
- Consecutive Word Count
- Metal Working
- Pennant Design
- Formals
- Coats/Suits
- Knitting
- Afghans
- Colour Guards
- Flag Corps
- Music Composition
- Music arranging
- Dramatic Monologue
- Preaching – ages 13 to 15
- Preaching – ages 16 and up
- Ventriloquism
- Interpretation for the Deaf
- Radio Program
- Scripture Video
- Group Bible Speaking
- A.C.E. Character Trait Video

GAME ZONE EVENTS LIST FOR 2019

This year’s Nigeria Student Convention will feature a host of “Game Zone” events. These events are open to ALL participants attending National Student Convention and **do not require preregistration**. Competitors sign up at the Convention (on site) and compete during “free time.” Competition will be divided by gender (when applicable).

All Game Zone event competitors must conform to the dress and appearance guidelines for similar event categories. Competitors who violate the dress and appearance guidelines will not be permitted to compete in any competition.

No official events will be rescheduled due to conflicts with Game Zone events. All Game Zone events entry submissions become the property of the NSC.

SCRABBLE®: Individual competition

This event will be run by the standard rules of Scrabble as they appear in the box. All games will be a one-on-one competition. All cases of disputed words will be verified by the judge using the *Thorndike Barnhart Advanced Dictionary*. The highest score of the day is awarded the medal.

BRAIN TEASERS: Individual competition

Students will individually use their cognitive thinking skills to solve problems, complete puzzles, and answer riddles. Each problem, puzzle, and riddle will be given a specific point value. Students will complete as many projects as they can in a predetermined amount of time. Different projects will be available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The student with the highest total score will win that day’s competition.

TREASUREE HUNT: Group competition (male and female)

Students competing in teams of three to five members will sign up at a designated location and receive specific instructions and their clues. Each clue will lead them to more clues. The team that finds the treasure in the shortest amount of time wins the competition. New hunts will begin on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Individuals forming a team are not required to be from the same school or home school.

SCRIPTURE DETECTIVES: Individual or group competition (male and female)

Students competing in teams of one to three members read a story with a mystery to be solved at the end. Clues are given along the way in which Scripture verses reveal the answer. The team who completes the most mysteries in the shortest amount of time wins the competition. New sets of mysteries will be available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Individuals forming a team are not required to be from the same school or home school.

THREE-ON-THREE VOLLEYBALL: 3-on-3 competition (male and female)

Team consists of a minimum of three to a maximum of six members from the same school or home school group to compete. Individual home school students may join with other students to make a team. Teams must be all male or all female—no mixed teams. Male teams will compete against other male teams, and female teams will compete against other female teams. Male and female teams shall be awarded separately. Students may not compete in more than one team. A match consists of a single game ending when one team has scored a minimum of 21 points and is ahead by 2.

Please note: Three-On-Three Volleyball is open to individuals who ARE NOT on a volleyball team competing at NSC.

BASKETBALL HOTSHOT: Individual competition (male and female)

Students test their skill in 3 areas: lay-ups, free throws, and 3-point shots. Students have 2 minutes to shoot from any of the 3 specified areas. Each completed basket counts as 1 point for a lay-up, 2 points for a free throw, and 3 points from behind the 3-point line. Winners are determined by the highest score. Male and female will be scored separately.

THREE-ON-THREE BASKETBALL: 3-on-3 competition (male and female)

Teams consist of three to five team players from the same school/home-school group. Individual home-school students may enter either a team of all home-school students or join with students from a school to make up a team. Teams must be all male or all female—no mixed teams. Male teams compete against other male teams, and female teams compete against other female teams. Male and female teams will be awarded separately. The games will be played on an outdoor half-court. Each completed basket is worth one point. The first team that reaches ten points wins the game.

Please note: Three-On-Three Basketball is open to individuals who ARE NOT on a basketball team competing at ISC.

SOCCER: Group competition (male and female)

Teams consist of seven to ten players from a school or home-school. Individual home-school students may enter either a team of all home-school students or join with students from a school to make up a team. Male teams compete against other male teams, and female teams compete against other female teams. A school or home-school may not enter more than one team. No more than seven players may be on the playing field at any time. Each game shall consist of two fifteen-minute halves with a break of two minutes between the halves. All other normal soccer rules apply. Male and female teams will be awarded separately.

Please note: Game Zone Soccer is held on Wednesday, 1–3 p.m. only.