

Apologetics

A limited prep speech that respectfully articulates and defends a tenet of the Christian faith

Speaker:	
Room:	
Judge:	
Round:	Duration: Event time 6:00

TOPIC		Evaluate 1 (poor)...5 (excellent)	Comments
APOLOGETICS – CONTENT IS KEY			
Analysis: Explains the background of the topic Provides researched defense of Biblical truth Includes applicable illustrations Uses Scripture and other supporting sources	1	• • •	5
Rhetoric: Credible and sincere connection with audience Compelling and persuasive reasoning Addresses audience that may or may not accept Biblical truth	1	• • •	5
Impact: Demonstrates importance of topic Promotes reflection	1	• • •	5
STRUCTURE			
Organization: Relevant and engaging introduction Clear thesis statement that answers the prompt Organized content; smooth transitions Effective conclusion	1	• • •	5
Language: Vocabulary; rhetorical devices/memorable language	1	• • •	5
DELIVERY			
Vocal: Varies volume, rate, and inflection; conversational	1	• • •	5
Physical: Authentic gestures and movement	1	• • •	5
Facial: Eye contact; appropriate facial expressions	1	• • •	5
OVERALL IMPRESSION			
Appearance: Poised; professional	1	• • •	5
Manner: Compassionate; sincere; respectful	1	• • •	5

PENALTIES: Overtime by 15 seconds (1 rank) _____ = Total penalty rank(s) _____

FINAL RANK WITHIN THE ROUND (Circle One)

#1 First
 #2 Second
 #3 Third
 #4 Fourth
 #5 Fifth & Below

PLEASE EXPLAIN REASON FOR RANKING ON THE BACK OF THE BALLOT