

# Institute for Cultural Communicators

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Congratulations on your progress through the Young Speakers Guild. Your Guild membership will open the door to further ICC training programs and speaking opportunities such as:

IMPACT- International Instructor  
Tour Internships  
Certifications  
National Instructor positions  
Guest Instructor roles  
Guild Instructor

Guild membership is a privilege and requires that you continue to adhere to the highest ethical standards both on and off the platform.

*Philippians 2:3 says, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others as better than yourselves.”*

Showing respect for the people around us—including the audience, our teammates, and the other people we come into contact with—is the first step in authentic communication. As Christian communicators, our goal should be to serve others with our communication, which will allow us to build bridges and impact others for Christ.

Therefore, in consideration of your Guild Membership with ICC, you agree to practice as follows:

1) Respect for **Sources**

We expect speakers to exhibit academic integrity by showing respect for the words and ideas of others. Speakers must make it clear in every presentation whether their words are their own or are quoted from someone else. Ideas, concepts, and theories from others should be properly referenced and cited. By not exaggerating, misrepresenting, or leaving out sources, speakers establish their credibility and demonstrate their commitment to ethical behavior.

2) Respect for **Others**

We expect Guild members to treat those around them with courtesy and professionalism as brothers and sisters in Christ.

3) Respect for **Authority**

We expect Guild members to follow the instructions of those in authority, including community leaders, Chapter leaders, facility staff, judges, event staff, and other adults. Questions or conflicts should be directed to the appropriate members of the event or organizational staff.

4) Respect for the **Platform**

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We expect Guild members to treat every platform as a privilege. Speakers do this in many ways, but especially by strictly adhering to stated time limits, by confirming and following the appropriate dress code for every event, and by leaving every facility in excellent condition. All of these things communicate that audience and staff time is valuable and that speakers appreciate the opportunity to speak.

**1 Peter 2:13-17:** *“For the Lord’s sake, accept all authority—the king as head of state, and the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish all who do wrong and to honor those who do right. It is God’s will that your good lives should silence those who make foolish accusations against you. You are not slaves; you are free. But your freedom is not an excuse to do evil. You are free to live as God’s slaves. Show respect for everyone. Love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God. Show respect for the king.”*

As a Guild member, you will be an example and role model for the students and the community. As a result, please be extremely careful in dress, speech, and actions so that, in the example of Paul, others may follow us as we follow Christ. We do not want anything that we say or do to stand in the way of our audience hearing the message of God’s love.

As a Guild Member you should remember that Platforms are not only in-person communication, but virtual communication as well. As a Guild Member you are always on the public platform and should strive to uphold the ICC Standards and Practices in all forms of communication.

As a Guild member, you will continue to represent the Institute for Cultural Communicators. We expect conflict to be resolved in a godly manner, following Christian reconciliation guidelines.

We believe the biblical model of leadership, exemplified in Christ, is that of servant leadership (Mark 10:43-45). Guild members are expected to model this type of leadership for students, Chapters, community and ICC.

Please sign and have your Chapter Sponsor and parent sign the commitment below and return it to the ICC office.

Again, congratulations on a job well done!

**Colossians 3:23:** *“Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and the Master you are serving is Christ.”*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that ICC intends that I continue to seek platforms to carry out ICC's mission, I recognize that ICC does not intend for me to use its trademark, curriculum, or methods of instruction without its prior permission.

I also understand that my Guild member status is contingent upon my adhering to the above stated ICC Standards and Practices both on and off the platform.

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Guild Inductee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**By typing your name, you acknowledge that this is valid as your signature, and you have read and agree to the terms and conditions specified in the Guild Agreement**

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Parent of Guild Inductee

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Date

**By typing your name, you acknowledge that this is valid as your signature, and you have read and agree to the terms and conditions specified in the Guild Agreement**

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Chapter Sponsor

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Date