

## Youth Leader,

Thank you for continuing your pursuit of Jesus and making Him known to the students of New Mexico! Many days I sit at my desk and look over names of Youth Leaders around New Mexico and pray that God Will reveal more of Himself to you. I find it the greatest honor of my life to partner with you in this journey of knowing Him and making Him known. This year I am so excited to share something God has been speaking over me for New Mexico!

Last year, when coming into this position of Student Ministries Director, I heard one word in my spirit, UNITE. As I have asked God for clarity on this, I felt Him speak that unite is more than a word, it was vision for New Mexico Youth and Children's Ministries as a whole. What we need is to recognize that we are all FAMILY! We all come from different geographic areas of the State of New Mexico but we are all FAMILY, UNITED as children of God and BETTER TOGETHER! This vision has birthed such excitement to bring the idea of UNITY to every event we do as a Network! This has led us to introduce a new name and identity for our conference... FUSION CONFERENCE!

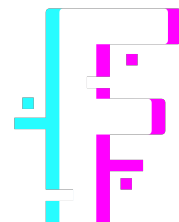
Fusion is a merging of diverse, distinct, or separate elements into a unified whole! This is exactly what we will experience at this years' FUSION CONFERENCE! We will see Youth Ministries all across New Mexico uniting in order to make a greater impact for the Kingdom of God! At FUSION we be lead in worship by James River Worship. Night one, I will be speaking about what God has been birthing in my heart over New Mexico. Night two, we will be hearing from Justin Smith from James River.

I want to challenge every Youth Ministry to come even if you are not coming for Fine Arts. If you are not participating in Fine Arts , the price for Fusion is only \$30. This will be a life changing time where I am believing for an awakening of unity across all our Youth Ministries in New Mexico! I will see you there!

Fine Arts is one of the best discipleship and church building events we do every year. As I see students learn how to lead worship, preach, dance, act and so much more, I am so thankful for such an amazing event. If your youth are not participating in Fine Arts, I want to strongly encourage you to do something this year even if it is with only one student. Fine Arts is all about helping students DISCOVER, DEVELOP, and DEPLOY their gifts and talents for God's Glory. What could be better than this?!

If you need additional information or would like help evaluating or creating a Fine Arts strategy for your church, don't hesitate to contact me. I would love to help!

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**Schedule****Thursday, March 19**

9:00 - 11:00AM	Onsite Checkin/Registration
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Fine Arts Orientation
2:30 - 5:00 PM	Fine Arts Presentations
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Dinner Break
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Onsite Registration for Fusion Conference only
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Fusion #1 Speaker: Austin Poper

**Friday, March 20**

8:00 AM	Doors Open
8:30 - 12:00 PM	Fine Arts Presentations
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 - 5:00 PM	Fine Arts Presentations
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Dinner Break
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Fusion #2 Speaker: Justin Smith

**Saturday, March 21**

8:00 AM	Doors Open
8:30 - 9:45 AM	Peoples Choice
10:00 - 12:00 PM	Awards and Celebration Service
12:00 - 12:15 PM	National Fine Arts Information Meeting

***Only the Fine Arts Coordinator for your group is needed for Onsite Checkin. Students are not required to be at checkin but must be at Fine Arts Orientation.***

**Fees**

General Admission (Adults and Youth) \$60 (Includes: Admission to Fusion Conference, FA Schedule, FA T-Shirt)

**Early Bird General Admission by Feb. 17** \$50 (Must be postmarked or received by Feb. 17)

**\*Fusion Conference ONLY** \$30 (Due at door March 19, FA T-shirt not included)

**Additional Options:**

Fine Arts Categories \$5 each (Must be postmarked or received by Feb. 24 for FA categories)

***\*Parents are welcome to view the Fine Arts presentations each day and the awards service at no cost. No Registration necessary.***

***\*Parents must pay Fusion Conference cost if coming to the evening services.***

***\*Children age 10 and under are free but t-shirt not provided.***

***\*Youth Pastor and Spouse, Senior Pastor and Spouse are complimentary but must be registered.***

***\*Youth Leaders and Sponsors must be registered and pay the registration cost unless they are the primary group leader.***

**Payment:**

**Check:** Please collect all payments and issue a single check for each group of registrations submitted. Checks can be written to: **NM Ministry Network**. Please note: **Fine Arts** Mail to: 6640 Caminito Coors NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.

**Credit Card:** Registration fees for Fine Arts may NOT be paid via credit card.

**Location**

Citizen Church, 10500 Copper Ave, Albuquerque, NM 87123 (505) 299-7202

**Fine Arts Resources**

**Theme:** Theme interpretation is not required for any category. All presentations must have a clear Christian message, possess obvious redemptive value, and be presented with ministry effectiveness in mind.

**Rule books** and National Fine Arts information can be found at [www.faf.ag.org](http://www.faf.ag.org)

**Promotional items** can be downloaded at [www.newmexicostudentministries.com](http://www.newmexicostudentministries.com)

**Art Submissions**

*Art pieces will need to be turned in at time of onsite checkin. Please make sure the proper information is attached to art pieces as required by the Official Fine Arts Rulebook.*

**Video Submission**

All video entries must be submitted no later than March 9, 2020. A public or unlisted YouTube URL must be emailed to [apoper@nmministry.net](mailto:apoper@nmministry.net) along with the following participant information: First and Last Name, Church Name, Group Name (if applicable), Phone Number.

**Registration**

Each FA participant must register using the paper registration form provided at [www.newmexicostudentministries.com](http://www.newmexicostudentministries.com)