



## Business and Professional Women / PA

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### **BPW/PA YOUNG CAREERIST PROGRAM COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

- A. Young Careerist candidates may not use props at the competition. (If there are any questions as to what is considered a “prop”, please contact the BPW/PA YC Chair).
- B. Candidates will remain at the podium during the speech competition and will use a microphone, if one is available.
- C. All Young Careerist candidates must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the BPW/PA Competition:
  1. Be a member in good standing of BPW/PA.
  2. Be between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive, by the 2020 BPW/PA Convention.
  3. Be or have been employed in business or a profession, with a minimum of one (1) year of full-time work experience.
  4. Understand and support the BPW/PA mission, vision, and legislative platform.
  5. Be familiar with the BPW/PA Legislative Platform and pledge that you will not speak against the platform issues in your capacity as a Young Careerist candidate. All Young Careerist candidates are required to submit a signed copy of the BPW/PA Legislative Platform, confirming the requirements, prior to the competition.
  6. Based on our BPW/PA State theme of **“Reach Beyond the STARS,”** prepare: a (4) four-minute speech from one of the following (4) four topics:
    - a. *What does the state theme, “Reach Beyond the STARS” mean to you and how do you currently implement the acronym STARS in your life?*
    - b. *When you think of the state theme, “Reach Beyond the STARS” and the acronym STARS how would you work to have it impact women’s lives?*
    - c. *How is the state theme “Reach Beyond the STARS”, and its’ acronym, STARS relevant to women, specifically?*
    - d. *What actions or ideas should BPW/PA implement, to guarantee our organization will “Reach Beyond the STARS” and how specifically, is the acronym, STARS relevant to this goal?*



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