

Costume Contest

There will be no written test as part of the costume contest. However, the contestant will be expected to make a BRIEF statement about the costume and how it relates to the character.

The characters for 2019-2020 are:

- **Polyphemus**
- **Cumaean Sibyl**
- **Couple: Baucis and Philemon**

1. The characters which each category must depict will be the same as the National JCL characters for the year. These characters are announced on the National JCL website under Creative Arts Contests.
2. Costumes are judged in two divisions (middle school and high school) with three categories: male, female, and couple.
3. There will be no written test as part of the costume contest. The contestant will be expected to make a brief statement about the costume and how it relates to the character. The contestant must have knowledge of Roman and Greek clothing style and a broad knowledge of the character represented. The contestant should be prepared to speak about color, style, props, etc. selected for his/her costume. A description of the costume including particulars concerning costume construction, color, materials, reasons for use of such, and workmanship may be given to the judges at the time of presentation. The judges do have the right to cut off a contestant's statement if it becomes too long.
4. The entrant must make his/her own costume.
5. Creativity will include the contestant's imaginative use or recycling of materials to props and costume; it will not be based on the oral presentation.
6. Costumes must be gender appropriate; boys need to be male characters and girls must be female characters.
7. The cost of the costumes must not exceed \$40.00, excluding tax. For couples, the cost is \$35.00 per person. The value of all items, including borrowed items, shoes, jewelry, etc. must be included in the \$40.00. Ten points will be deducted if the cost exceeds these limits.
8. Each entrant must submit all sales receipts for materials to the judges at the time of presentation. Estimated expenses for recycled materials must be verified by the sponsor's signature. Ten points will be deducted for no receipts. Receipts will be returned to the entrants after the contest, and entrants should retain those receipts for nationals.
9. No other person may be part of the costume contest. Only the person/couple dressed as the character(s) will be judged.
10. A contestant may only enter one character.
11. A maximum of two persons per chapter may enter each character and two couples per chapter may enter the couples contest.
12. The costume will be judged on the following criteria:

Authenticity	50
Attractiveness	15
Craftmanship	20
Creativity	5
Overall Effectiveness	10