

University of the Incarnate Word

Fashion + Function + Form Competition



Judging Criteria:

- Completeness of the project, including paperwork
- Quality of construction
- Appropriateness of construction choices (correct closure, correct seam finishing techniques, etc.)
- Fabrication choices (appropriateness, effectiveness, and originality)
- Overall design (harmony and unity)
- Creativity (originality, surprise, and effectiveness)
- Marketability
- Fit (MUST include a photo of the garment on the model)

Rules:

- The entry must be a complete look (garment or combination of garments) that is worn by a person of any gender or age.
 - Students are responsible for providing their own models.
- The garment(s) must cover all the major pelvic and torso body parts fully, regardless of model gender or age – we are a Catholic University, after all!
- The garment(s) must have been created within the current academic year.
- Each entry must be fully sewn by the student.
 - No hired or volunteered sewing assistance.
 - No purchased parts of the garment *unless* it is not visible when worn (such as a petticoat). For example, if a student creates a shirt that must be worn with purchased jeans, the entry will not be accepted for the competition.
 - Decorative appliqué trims that may be applied to the garment or other minor decorative additions are excluded from this rule.
 - Students may create their own patterns, use pre-made, purchased patterns, or any combination thereof.
- All paperwork must be printed, complete (including signatures and photos), and attached to the garment at the time of drop-off, or the entry will not be considered complete for the competition.

- High school students (9th- 12th graders) are eligible for the scholarship award competition.
 - Must have a teacher, extension agent, or other adult supervisor who can sign and verify that the garment is the student's work.
 - Scholarship awards can be redeemed upon the student's entrance into the UIW Fashion Management program. *Scholarships are not transferable to other universities or majors.* *
 - High School Competition categories are:
 - Best Construction, \$2000 scholarship
 - Most Marketable Design, \$2000 scholarship
 - Most Creative Interpretation of the Theme, \$2000 scholarship
 - Most Sustainable, \$2000 scholarship
- UIW students are eligible for the scholarship award competition (separate from high school competition).
 - Must have an instructor who observed you create the garment sign and verify that the garment is your work.
 - Students may work in teams of no more than two, but any awards will be divided evenly among both team members if the team wins.
 - While any UIW students may enter, winning scholarships can only be applied to UIW FMGT majors. *
 - UIW Competition categories are:
 - 1st Place, \$3000 scholarship
 - 2nd Place, \$2000 scholarship
 - 3rd Place, \$1000 scholarship
- 6th-8th graders may submit garments for the fashion show but will not be judged for awards.
- Other college or university students may submit garments for the fashion show but will not be judged for awards.
- All garments, regardless of who submits them, will be evaluated for eligibility to walk in the fashion show. The UIW FMGT Faculty has the final say on whether a garment is eligible to be shown on the runway or not. Some of the reasons that a garment *may* be pulled from the show include, but are not limited to:
 - Incompleteness/poor quality of construction
 - Indecent coverage
 - Late entries
 - Missing paperwork
 - Broken closures

**This is due to how the endowed scholarships were originally set up. The funds must go to a UIW Fashion Management major. We do not have access to any general UIW scholarship funds.*