

## CHAT CHAT w/ Mariel Ortiz: All About ASL Storytelling Competition Transcript

Stay! Stay! STAY!

I MUST tell you!

Guess what? *\*shows the flyer\**

*\*shows & points the flyer\**

*\*thinking YES, YES!\**

Know why? Because I need the money. I do need the money.

Anyway,...let me explain this one. *\*deep breath\**

Hello, hello everyone! Welcome to CHAT CHAT with me. I am Mariel. I am so excited.

*\*hesitate to breath\** You know why? Back to the point, I did a vlog before about the VDF (Valley Deaf Festival) in Central Valley (Fresno), California. However, I am referring specifically to the ASL Storytelling Competition. Why ASL Storytelling Competition? What will we do with this? Hold on a moment!

You are welcome to join us, regardless of age. How does it work?

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will have a competition included! We will select the top 5 storytellers, who are then required to attend at the VDF event in person. They will perform on the stage. How does it work with votes? The audience will vote for your storytelling.

Okay, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will win, and what does it look like we get? I remembered saying money. MONEY! YES! 1st place - \$500. 2nd place - \$250. 3rd place - \$100.

I want it. *\*clap\**

Remember the rules. For the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. You alone, for example, will get \$500. That also applies to 2nd and 3rd place winners. If you have a partner, you CAN. Does each partner in a team get \$500? No, it is not. One team for \$500 means your team has to discuss together. I hope that clears it up! It does not matter how many people are in your team, BUT you have to discuss together. Understood? Hope that clears things up about the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place rules - and the \$500, \$250, and \$100 prizes.

Now, what are the rules for the storytelling? For example, storytelling through music, talent, action, without voice, captions - it does not matter what you do with it. You can also do ABC, numbers, and many more! ANY! However, all MUST be appropriate. WHY? It is for all ages, including a baby, to watch your story! YES!

Videos are limited to 5 to 10 minutes. If it is less than 5 minutes,...*\*not acceptable\** If it is over 10 minutes,...*\*not acceptable\** Exactly between 5 and 10 minutes which is acceptable and good to go!

Where can I send it to? Email to (email address shown)

When you are done with the video, email it then.

The deadline to send it is October 3rd (by 5 pm). That means START NOW until October 3rd! You do have time to practice signing, create a video, and get ready to send it to us! We will observe it. We do not know how many will be sent. Keep sending it to us until a decision has been made for the top 5 finalists (storytellers), in which we will contact you to confirm to come to our VDF. *\*thumbs up\** Once there at the VDF event, we cannot vote. It means the audience there will vote! *\*mouthing: ok\* \*thumbs up\**

If you have any questions or need clarification, go ahead and contact us DHHSC staff. *\*thumbs up\**

I am really excited to see your skills, your story, and your signs! Dar, I want to join. Nah, do not worry. I am doing this vlog for you all! *\*laughing\**

Anyway, hope to see you there!

Bye...oh! One more thing - where is the VDF? It will be in Fresno, located in the Central Valley of California. The exact location for VDF is at Fresno Fairgrounds (Jr. Exhibit Building). The information including the address will be shown at the end of this vlog. *\*thumbs up\** VDF will open from 10 am to 4 pm.

I hope everything will go smoothly, and I hope to see you there! There will be a lot of FUN! Keep tuning in as we will have more information about VDF.

Bye! See you later!