



Music and Kids, Jr. Star-Search

RULES AND REGULATIONS



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1. Competition for Music and Kids Junior Star-Search (“Contest”) is open to Middle School and High School youth, aged 12 -18 on the date/s of competition. Children, siblings, immediate family members, and/or children sharing residence with Music and Kids staff, board members, or Contest judges may not participate. Participation is open to all children within the aforementioned age group regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental challenge or disability, All applications to enter the Contest must be made by the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) (“Applicant”) of any contestant who is under the age of 18 and by such application, Applicant, such Applicant grants consent to the participation of such contestant.
2. Contestants must be amateur singers or entertainers, and may not belong to any professional organization (s) connected with the entertainment industry, and/or be contracted with any recording label or professional manager or management entity.
3. Contest participation is on a first come, first served basis. The first 50 qualified entries received will be accepted. Additional entries may be maintained for contact as alternates in the event that one or more of the original 50 applicants accepted are disqualified or unavailable to participate. Entries for the Contest must be received by Music and Kids no later than 11:59 PM PST, February 9, 2018. Entries are subject to availability of Contest openings remaining. To enter, Applicants may complete the application online at www.MusicAndKids.org, or print and mail the application to...

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The time and date that the entry was received will be determined at the sole and absolute discretion of Music and Kids.

4. There shall be NO ENTRY FEE for applying to enter the Contest.
5. Music and Kids asserts the right to at any time, require proof of identity and/or eligibility. Failure to provide such proof within a reasonable time may result in disqualification from the competition. All personal details and information requested by Music and Kids, must be truthful, accurate and in no way misleading. Music and Kids reserves the right to disqualify any contestant from competition at its sole discretion, should the contestant at any stage supply untruthful, inaccurate or misleading personal details and/or information, or should the contestant be found ineligible for the competition pursuant to these rules.
6. By submission of an application and entering into this Contest, each Applicant and contestant represents and warrants his or her compliance with these rules and regulations. No contestant will be permitted to participate in the Contest unless he or she has acknowledged and agreed to these rules and regulations.

7. By entering the Contest, each contestant agrees that Music and Kids, their successors and assigns have the right to use the names, likenesses, and images of all persons performing for future advertising, promotion and publicity in any manner and in any medium now known or hereafter devised in perpetuity. Any photographs and/or information regarding the contestant and/or the Applicant, may be used by Music and Kids in conjunction with the Contest and that Music and Kids will not be required to obtain any other release from the Applicant or the contestant for the use of such photograph and/or information. Music and Kids has no obligation to publish or use or retain any photographs and/or information submitted by the Applicant or to return any such photographs and/or information to the Applicant and/or the contestant.
8. By participating in the Contest, contestants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges. Music and Kids is not responsible for any typographical or other errors in and of the administration of the Contest and/or the announcement of prizes.
9. The contest will take place at George Lane Park at the 2018 Almond Blossom Festival on the community Stage, Saturday, March 10, 2018 and Sunday March 11, 2018, between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Times may be adjusted as needed depending on the amount of entries received. Winners will be announced on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at the conclusion of the competition for the Contest.
10. Contestants will be assigned and contacted with performance times by Music and Kids and will be responsible for arriving and checking in one hour prior to their scheduled performance. Minors under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult at check in. Failure to arrive and check in at the assigned time may result in forfeiture. Time slots will be issued within the aforementioned time table as needed for scheduling purposes and no special consideration may be offered.
11. Contestants may only perform as a solo act, and no duets or group performances will be permitted to participate in the Contest.
12. Contestants MAY NOT utilize live props, back-up singers, dancers or animals. Non-human props such as special costumes and other accessories are permitted. Contestants may accompany themselves with a non-amplified musical instrument capable of being carried on stage by the contestant. However, no piano or other musical instruments shall be provided by Music and Kids for contestant's use. Contestants who bring their own instruments for accompaniment will be provided a second microphone for that instrument and standard A/C electrical power if necessary.
13. Contestants must supply their own background tracks on a single CD. Background music must be clear of lead vocal singers. Only musical band instruments are acceptable and light harmonies. Songs may be performed in any language. Contestants may sing A Capella (without accompaniment) should they choose to do so.
14. Contestants are not permitted to leave the stage or stage area during their performance. This includes singing or performing within the audience.
15. The time limit for each contestant shall be no more than 3 minutes 30 seconds. More than one song may be sung within that time slot; however, no changing of CD's will be allowed. If more than one song is to be performed, they must be on the same CD and be somewhat continuous. Songs exceeding the 3 minute 30 second limit will be shut off. Judges will be instructed to not deduct points due to a song being shut off; however, contestants are encouraged to prepare accordingly.
16. Contestants may sing the same song as another contestant.

17. No changes in song choice may be made once the contestant has delivered the background CD to the Contest sound person. CDs must be given to the Contest sound person 15-20 minutes prior to the scheduled performance of the contestant. For the sake of the other contestants and keeping the flow of the Contest in order, contestant must be available to the Contest staff and available to perform 30 minutes prior to the contestant's scheduled performance time. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of contestant's turn, rescheduling and/or possible disqualification.

18. Music and Kids will not be responsible for: (a) any late, lost, misrouted, garbled, distorted, or damaged entries; (b) telephone, electronic, hardware, equipment, software, network, Internet, or other computer or communications related malfunctions or failures during the Contest; (c) any Contest disruptions, injuries, losses or damages caused by events beyond the control of Music and Kids or by non-authorized human intervention; or (d) any printing or typographical errors in any materials associated with the Contest.

19. Songs containing vulgarity, referencing use of illegal drugs, and/or explicit sexual lyrics will not be allowed. Contestants who during their performance, use any obscene, offensive, sexual, or otherwise inappropriate behavior or gestures, including, but not limited to those referencing or depicting violence, drug use, nudity or explicit activity will be automatically disqualified from the competition.

19. Contestants and their family members are not allowed to have contact with any Contest judges before or during the competition. Contact includes verbal conversations and handshakes.

20. Contestants, their family members and/or associates exhibiting offensive behavior during any portion of the Contest may result in the disqualification of that contestant from further competition. Offensive behavior shall include, without limitation, poor sportsmanship, distracting and/or harassing other contestants, either during or outside their performances, disrespectful behavior toward judges and/or Music and Kids staff, bad manners and/or publicly inappropriate actions and/or behavior deemed by Music and Kids to be detrimental to the spirit of the competition or reflecting badly on Music and Kids.

21. SCORING - Contestants will be scored using a 100 point system
1-50 points: vocal ability (rhythm/pitch/phrasing)
1-25 points: stage presence (song choice/movement/confidence/command)
1-25 points: audience response (applause, to be measured at the immediate conclusion of the performance by a decimeter).

All decisions and interpretations regarding the Contest, its rules, and the selection of the winner remain with the judges, Kids and Music, its agents, and representatives, and are final. Due to the fact that there will only be a maximum of 50 entries and only 10 winners, the odds of winning one of the 10 awards is 20%.

22. THE GOLDEN TICKET – Each Judge will have the option to award one “Golden Ticket” during the duration of the competition. A contestant receiving a Golden Ticket is immediately awarded one of the ten available Kids and Music scholarships. If a contestant is awarded a "Golden Ticket", he or she must still attend the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the second day of competition.

23. The winners will be selected and announced immediately following the finals of the Contest on the second day of the competition, after the scores have been calculated.

24. PRIZES - The contestants with the top ten scores, including any "Golden Ticket" contestants, will be awarded six (6) months of free professional vocal training by instructors selected by Music and Kids, to take place at times and locations selected by Music and Kids, in consultation with contestants and Applicants.

25. By entering the Contest, contestants grant Music and Kids a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to reproduce, display, distribute, and create derivative works of their performances at the Contest, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, archival, scholarly and all other purposes the name and photograph likeness of the contestant as related to the Contest. Music and Kids will not be required to seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

26. By entering the Contest, Applicants agree that it is Applicants' sole responsibility to obtain all permissions necessary for the grant of the rights contained pursuant to these Rules. Applicant also agrees, on behalf of the contestant and as a condition of being awarded any prize in the Contest, to take, at Music and Kids' request, any further action (including, without limitation, execution of further agreements, affidavits and other documents) reasonably necessary, as requested by Music and Kids, to effect, perfect, or confirm Music and Kids' rights hereunder and to effectuate the fulfillment of the prizes provided for by the Contest and the other rights granted in these Rules.

27. Applicant further grant Music and Kids the right to use information that Applicant has provided as part of Applicant's submission for the Contest, including the contestant's name, city, state/territory and contact information as needed for the Contest.

28. None of the photographs and/or information regarding the contestant submitted by Applicant to Music and Kids for purposes of the Contest will not be treated as confidential, and by entering this Contest and submitting photographs and/or information, Applicant represents and warrants that the photographs and/or information do not include or disclose any trade secrets, proprietary information or other confidential information.

29. By entering the Contest, Applicant, on behalf of himself or herself, as well as on behalf of the contestant, releases and holds harmless Music and Kids, as well as its employees, directors, representatives and agents from any liability whatsoever, and waives any and all causes of action, related to any claims, cost, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the Contest or delivery, mis-delivery, acceptance, possession, use of or inability to use a winning prize (including, without limitation, claims, costs, injuries, losses and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation or portrayal in a false light, whether intentional or unintentional), whether under a theory of contract, tort (including negligence), warranty or other theory.

30. The Contest and these Contest Rules will be governed, construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Applicants, on behalf of themselves, as well as on behalf of the contestant, agree to be bound by these Contest Rules and by the decisions of Music and Kids, which are final and binding in all respects. Music and Kids reserves the right to change these Contest Rules at any time, in its sole discretion, and to suspend, cancel, postpone or extend the Contest or any contestant's participation in the Contest should viruses, bugs, unauthorized human intervention or other causes beyond Music and Kids' control affect the administration, security or proper play of the Contest or Music and Kids otherwise becomes (as determined in its sole discretion) incapable of running the Contest as planned. Contestants who violate or fail to comply with these Contest Rules, violate any law, rule or regulation in connection with participation in the Contest, tamper with the operation of the Contest, or engage in any conduct that is detrimental or unfair to Music and Kids, the Contest or any other entrant (in each case as determined in Music and Kids sole discretion), are subject to disqualification from entry into the Contest. If Applicant has any questions about these Contest Rules or the Contest, please use the 'Contact Us' form online at www.musicandkids.org or submit written questions to:

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31. This Contest is open to the general public.



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Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth of Student ____ / ____ / ____

Instruments (If Any) played by Student: _____

Name of Applicant (Parent or Guardian of Student, please print) _____

Address of Applicant _____

Telephone # of Applicant ____ / ____ / ____ E-Mail of Applicant: _____

Other Contact Information of Applicant _____

AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:

I certify that the above information is true and correct, and I confirm that I have read and will fully comply with the rules and regulations to this contest. If the applicant is under the age of 18 years of age, I am the parent or guardian of the applicant and consent to his/her participation in the contest,

Date of Application: ____ / ____ / ____ Applicant Signature: _____