

Spotlight on Talent



34th Annual Youth Talent Competition
presented by **Heritage Arts Center Association**

SOLO ACT APPLICATION FORM

Entry Deadline – Thursday, January 26, 2017

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
County _____ Email (if available) _____

How do you prefer we communicate letters, judges' comments, instructions? email postal mail

School _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Are you also in a group act? _____ If so, what group act? _____

Music/Performance Title _____ Back-up music (mp3,CD,piano,none) _____

Composer _____ Show/Opera name (if applicable) _____

Type of Talent (piano,vocal,ballet,etc.) _____ Did YOU create this on your own? _____

How long have you studied your talent? _____ Teacher/Studio _____

On the back of this form, we need more information about you - include your activities, hobbies, other interests or talents, etc. **Notice** - this info will be read by the MC at the finals.

Circle which type of microphone (if any) you would prefer:

on stand / handheld - corded or cordless / lapel / boom stand / headset / using your own mic

Circle backdrop lighting color preference for the final competition:

Multi-color blend (default) / blue / green / red / orange / yellow / purple / gray

If you think we may mispronounce ANY information you submitted about you and your act (i.e. name, title song, composer, bio info, etc.), **let us know on back of this form.**

Initial here, acknowledging you **read & understand all Regulations and Information** printed below _____

Application fee is \$40 - due postmarked or sent via Paypal by application deadline. Check payable to H.A.C.A. Send form (and check if applicable) to - **HACA, P.O. Box 1131, Dade City, FL 33526.**

OR submit application form and/or fee online (using Paypal) by deadline date at www.heritagearts.org.

Fee sent: with application form sent via Paypal will be mailed separately

----- *Detach above form and mail it in. ----- Save info below for your reference. -----*

Spotlight on Talent 2017 Competition Regulations and Information

1. By submitting this application, **you agree to allow us to use the following in publicity and on the association's website** including, but not limited to - your likeness (photo/video of performance), name, age, home town, and studio / teacher.
2. Eligibility requirements - may be amateurs or professionals, children up through 12th grade, no older than 19 years old, and can only compete once as a 12th grader.
3. Each participant may be in only one solo and one group performance each year, at the most.
4. There will be a limited amount of time to prepare make-up/costumes and change between acts, so please consider this in your planning for the finals if in both a solo and group act.
5. **Solo time limit - 3 minutes.** If you have competed before, you may not repeat the same performance piece.
6. Acts are judged on - **Talent-25 points, Stage Presence-3 points, Appropriate Appearance-2 points**
7. All dance, costumes, and movement gestures should be tastefully done and age appropriate.
8. If singing to back-up music, no other voices should sing your part!
9. **Back-up (accompaniment) music on Mp3 & CD** = Label all CD discs with 1) name, 2) song title, 3) length of song. Burn CDs using CD-R's, not CD-RW's. **We prefer Mp3's submitted ahead of time vs. CD's given at prelims.**
Mp3 - you'll get an email to submit the file online before prelims, bring a back-up copy on CD to turn in at check in.
CD - bring 2 copies with you to preliminaries, 1 copy won't be returned to you. Turn in both CDs when you check in.
10. Preliminary competition is **Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017** at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High. Auditions begin around 9:00 a.m. You will receive a notice via email/mail informing you of your audition time, and the full schedule will be posted on www.heritagearts.org. Young ages will audition earlier, and judging for older contestants later.
11. Final competition is **Saturday, March 11, 2017** at the same theater. (If you have a conflict on that date, contact us before entering.) We will have 2 shows. Groups may be in 1 category or 2, split by average age, if numbers allow.

----- Contact Barbara Friedman for any questions or concerns - (352) 567-1720 or email spotlight@heritagearts.org -----