

SPOTLIGHT ON TALENT 2024 SOLO 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-40 points
 - Stage Presence-5 points
 - Appropriate Appearance-5 points.
7. All dance, costumes, and movement gestures should be tastefully done and age appropriate.
8. **On Accompaniment music – no other voices / instrumentalist / dancing sounds / etc. should sing / play / perform your part.**
9. **Heads up!!** Stage props must be small and light – able to be carried onstage by 2 people, max..
10. **Accompaniment must be submitted as Mp3s only - no CDs - these should be submitted online at the time of application. MP3s submitted outside of the application must be uploaded by the deadline of February 1 - NO EXCEPTIONS.** Sorry, but we cannot accept any changes after that. Please bring a back-up copy of your accompaniment on a USB thumb drive to turn in at check in **at prelims.** **The thumb drive will be returned upon request.**

11. Preliminary competition is **Saturday, Feb. 10** at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High. Auditions begin around 8:30 a.m. Young ages will audition earlier, and judging for older contestants later.
12. **Important!** After **application deadline January 25**, you will receive a notice via email informing you of your audition time, and the full schedule will be posted on www.heritagearts.org. If you DO NOT get that email by January 31, **DO NOTIFY** us - you need that letter and info! Also, please check your SPAM Folder.
13. Final competition is **Saturday, March 16** at the same theater. We will have 2 shows. Groups may be scheduled in either show depending on the average age of the group and number of groups. **If you have a conflict with either date, contact us before entering**
- spotlight@heritagearts.org or call 352-424-0135.