

Southeast Ohio's

Tryouts

GOT TALENT

Oct 24, 2026 10 am



Southeast Ohio's Got Talent (SEOGT) is open to anyone of any age or talent, provided you are a United States Citizen, and live, work, or attend school or church in the following counties. (**Monroe, Washington, Noble, Muskingum, Morgan, Perry, Athens, Meigs, Guernsey, Coshocton, Tuscarawas, Carrol, Jefferson, Harrison, or Belmont**). In West Virginia (**Ohio, Marshall, Westzel, Tyler, Pleasants, and Wood Counties**) Minors under 18 **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Acts will be given 2 minutes to impress at tryouts.

Eligibility Rules

- **AGE-** There is no minimum or maximum age limit. Participants under 18 **MUST** have a parent/guardian present.
- **nationality-** Competitors **MUST** be U.S. Citizens with legal permanentt residency, and reside in the above listed counties.
- **Disclosures-** You **MUST** declare any previous or current connections to the shows, producers, judges, or affiliates of said event.

Audition Formats

Auditions will be held live in person, without a public audience on Saturday, October 24, 2026 beginning promptly at 10am at Generations Complex situated at 47115 Black Walnut Pkwy Woodsfield, Ohio 43793. Potential competitors will audition in the order they are in line or arrive. This order will not be altered. Competitors will be given 2 minutes before a panel of judges. You can perform A Capella, with an instrument, or a backing track you provide as well as the device to play it on. We **DO NOT** provide equipment, instruments, devices etc. You may have an accompanist, but keep in mind, you only have 2 minutes, we recommend you do not burn it up in getting ready. You **MUST** be ready to go when you walk in.

Be prepared to perform A Capella if requested by the panel.

Friends, Family, etc are **NOT** permitted to be in the Audition area with the competitor. Friends or family can stand in line with you until you enter, but then must go immediately to the exit point and wait on you to return to them following your audition. For competitors under 18, one parent/guardian can accompany them while they tryout, but must remain to the side and not coach or interact with them as they perform. Interference in this manner will result in immediate disqualification.

Performance Guidelines

- **TIME LIMIT-** Whether you're dancing, singing, or performing a novelty act, your routine is capped at 2 minutes. (no exceptions)
- **Singers-** Come prepared with multiple songs and be ready to perform a Capella without backing tracks or instruments, just in case the panel requests it.
- **Props and Danger Acts-** Props, animals, and danger acts require advanced approval. Items like fireworks, unapproved fire, sharp tools, and pyrotechnics are strictly prohibited at auditions. Also, NO ONE can carry open or concealed weapons of any type on the premises. Law enforcement will be on location and strictly enforce this. All person on the property day of the tryout event are subject to search of their person, vehicle, and personal belongings if law enforcement deems anything is suspicious or unlawful.

The Process & Legalities

- **Review-** Due to expected volume of contestants, only those who are chosen to advance to the live show will be selected from auditions. (25) contenders will be selected to move on to the live competition held at The Historic Monroe Theatre with a live audience approximately 30 days following the tryouts.
- Competitors will be competing in a 3 part live show if you make it to the end. 10 will be selected from the first initial live show to move on to Semi-Finals, and the 5 will move on to finals.
- **GOLDEN BUZZER-** Each of the 3 celebrity judges will be given the opportunity to give a golden buzzer to any contestant they wish during the initial live show. Judges can use the Golden Buzzer option ONE TIME ONLY. Keep in mind, that judges can also refrain from awarding Golden Buzzers, and the entire competition be based on points awarded. Golden Buzzer recipients will automatically advance to the Semi-Finals. The remaining spots will be filled based on highest scores received from judges during their performance.
- **Publicity Consent-** You MUST acknowledge and accept that your appearance may be replayed via social media, and or televised at a later date.
- **Critique-** Contestants Must also realize and accept that they can or will be publicly given comments, critiques, or commentary, by judges following their performance.

Final Choice- The celebrity judging panel will score and select contestants to advance forward to the final show, and down to the final 3 spots. At this point, the live audience will vote via ballot to select the final winner of Southeast Ohio's Got Talent 2026.

Requirements of Winning Contestant

- The final contestant selected via audience ballot, will then be required to provide The Historic Monroe Theatre/Monroe Arts Council Accounting office with required Tax ID information prior to receiving their \$5,000 Prize.
- The final winning contestant must also agree to perform as a featured guest in Monroe Theatre's Country Music Jamboree, HEE HAW, and finally at next years **SEOGT 2027**. There may also be other opportunities throughout the year to perform such as opening for specific or certain shows at Monroe Theatre, and Ecotone Amphitheater.

CASH PRIZE- The Final Winner of Southeast Ohio's Got Talent will receive a **CASH PRIZE** for the amount of **\$5,000**

ATTENDANCE/SEATING- Contestants are required to purchase a seat to attend each show. This way you can sit with your family as each show is reserved seating. When you arrive, the cost of the contestants seat only will be reimbursed 100%. This will avoid contestants being seperated from family/friends during the shows.

Lastly, We would like to wish all contenders the best of luck throughout this entire process.

Side Note- On the day of tryouts, there will be a **food truck** and outdoor restrooms,(**portajons**) available. Public will **NOT** be permitted inside the building as it would be a continuous disturbance and create delays in the selection process.

DISCLAIMER: The Monroe Arts Council, Historic Monroe Theatre, and Judges reserve the right to adjust or change/update rules at any point without notice. However, said changes will be announced immediately prior to the beginning of the event or each show.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Complete and **bring this form with you to your performance**. These will **NOT** be provided at tryouts! You **MUST** print and bring this with you.

Name : _____

ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ **County:** _____ **State:** _____

Phone Number: _____

Type of Act: _____ **Minor: Y or N**

By signing this entry form, I verify that I have read, and fully understand the guidelines of Southeast Ohio's Got Talent. If I am a minor, My Parent/Guardian has also signed and is present.

Contestant Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date