

## **All you need to know (so far) about the 2025 Mid South Fair Youth Talent Contest**

I knowwww this is a lot of information. Please read over it carefully. There are important dates and times as well as deadlines.

Keep this email handy for a reference. I will put as much information as I can on our website at [thesongshack.com](https://thesongshack.com) competitions page and you can visit the link below to go over their information.

<https://www.landersoncenter.com/mid-south-fair/youth-contests/youth-talent-forms-info>

**MSFYT is an amazing contest and we are so excited for you guys to have this experience!**

**Categories-** Bands, Instrumentalists, Small and Large Vocals or Dance Groups, Vocal solos, Duets, Dancers, Variety Numbers (a combination of talents ex: vocalists playing an instrument while singing, etc)

**Where-** South Fair at The Landers Center, Southaven Mississippi

### **2025 CONTEST SCHEDULE Dates and Times**

#### Junior Division (AGES 9-12)

Junior Preliminary – Saturday Sept. 27 at 10 a.m.- Arrive @830?

Junior Grand Finals – Sunday Sept. 28 at 2 p.m.- Arrive @1pm?

#### Senior Division (AGES 13-21)

Senior Preliminary – Sunday Sept. 28-Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.- Check in at 5- Arrive 4/4:30

\*Each night there is a different group of acts auditioning. Usually about 12-15 each night make it through to the semis on Saturday.

If you have a conflict on one of the prelim nights, please let us know ASAP.

\*Prelim nights are chosen by the MSFYT staff (usually by drawing them to be unbiased) and we are notified by email.

Senior Semi-Finals – Saturday (All day) Oct. 4 at 10 a.m- Arrive @ 8am/830

Grand Award Finals – Sunday Oct. 5 at 2 p.m.- Arrive @12pm

### **General Competition Information and Rules**

All of this information is available online and is attached to the email. Please read the rules. It is important to know the length of song requirements and NO background vocals on the tracks. Please bring to your teachers attention if you notice this.

### **Registration and Fees for Groups and Duets**

Usually we will do the registration to keep it easier for you. However, if you have or will be registering for your child, please let us know. Otherwise, we will register them and charge your account.

MSFYT Solo Registration is \$50 and Groups are \$100.

For groups, we split the registration fee between all members of the group and invoice to your account.

### **Coaching Fees**

Coaching fees are separate from registration fees and are \$50.

*(Teachers are finding tracks, cutting tracks, missing work, making the drive every day and night, and getting there early and staying late for the students.)*

Students that make the Semi finals and/or Finals have an extra coaching fee of \$25.

Coaching fees are invoiced to your account the week before the contest starts.

ALL registration and coaching fees MUST be paid before the contest starts.

\*If you need financial assistance or an arrangement for registration fees or coaching fees please let us know before September 18th. We never want ANY student to miss out

because of fees. If you would like to donate for a students registration fees, it is much appreciated. Every year we have many students who need financial help with fees, costumes, tracks, etc. Thank you in advance. Yu can sponsor a student at:

### **Tracks**

\*For any acts needing complex track cuts there may be an additional charge.

Please send a flash drive with your student if they are doing a solo act or a \$5 Fee will be attached to your coaching fees.

### **Parking and Entering The Landers Center**

You will check in at the registration tent by the Fair entrance. \*There is only one entrance to the fair. Each student competing will be on a list.

You will park in the parking area in front of the entrance. Usually if you are thereby 4 there is no charge, otherwise last year it was \$5 cash.

### **Misc**

The contests are sometimes long. You can wear comfortable clothes and change into your outfits when you perform. Please wear your Song Shack T-Shirt or Sweatshirt and everyone sit TOGETHER.

Most questions can be found in the information attached or online at:

<https://www.landersoncenter.com/youth-contests/youth-talent-forms-info>

**I think that pretty much covers it for now.**

**Please watch your emails for any updates! XOXO**