



Mid South Fair Youth Talent Contest Information

Please read over this information carefully. There are important dates and times as well as deadlines. ***Keep this email handy for a reference.**

Also info and links are available at thesongshack.com contest page and you can visit the link below to get more specific information from MSFYT.

<https://www.landercenter.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

MSF is for anyone **9 years to 21 years of age**. All high school seniors through 21 are eligible for a **\$1000. scholarship**. More info on scholarships is located on their website here:

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***If we are registering for you this is what we need from you-** Your Name, Address, Date of birth, Emergency Contact Info and name of song... and for Seniors any conflicts you have during the Prelim week of Sunday 10/4 through Friday 10/9. Lastly, the card you would like reg and fees to be charged if it is not to your Song Shack Square student account.

2025 CONTEST SCHEDULE Dates and Times

Junior Division (AGES 9-12)

Junior Preliminary – Sat, Oct 3 at 10:00 AM and Grand Finals: Sun Oct 4 at 2:00 PM and check in will be at least 1 hour prior each day. Check with your teacher for details.

Senior Division (AGES 13-21)

Senior Preliminary – Sunday October 4th through Friday Oct 9th at 6 p.m.-

Check in at 5- Arrive 4/4:30 (ask your teacher) Let us know (and put on application/registration) which days you would be unable to make for your prelim audition. *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. 10th at 10 a.m- Arrive @ 8am/830

Grand Award Finals – Sunday Oct. 11th 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 **October 1st**. We never want ANY student to miss out because of fees.

***If you would like to **donate** a student's 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. You can **sponsor** a student at:

<https://thesongshack.com/donations-and-scholarship>

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 there by 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. If you would like to order a T-Shirt or Sweatshirt, email us your size(s) as soon as possible.

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

Also attached are MSFYT applications- Junior and seniors, rules, and prizes