



Please read all of the information below and at the links provided below. Staff is busy this time of year so please refer to this information before reaching out with questions.

There are (2) talent contests that are in the fall season. **Star of the Fair** (1. Vocal and 2. Songwriting Contest) and **MidSouth Fair Youth Talent** (Vocals, Variety, Duets, Group Numbers).

We will discuss the MSFYT (Midsouth Fair Youth Talent- the 2nd contest) in a few weeks and we will focus on **"Star of the Fair" first.*

All teachers are committed to helping students prepare. From picking songs, working on vocals and performance as well as assisting with outfits to perform in, cutting and preparing tracks, etc.

Fees

Star of the Fair Registration Fee is: \$45 for early registration or \$60 for late registration.

The Song Shack Coaching fee for this contest is \$40. This covers coaches parking, entrance and being present at each contest for the students. The *Coaching* fee will be invoiced/charged to your student account and the Star of the Fair *Registration* fees need to be paid to the *star of the fair* at the link below.

Financial help if needed

If anyone has difficulty with any of the competition fees please let us know as soon as possible. We have a limited amount of financial resources this year and every competition we help many students and the earliest notice of this is always very helpful.

***If anyone feels led to donate for another student's fees, that would be very kind. We have several families that are having some struggles right now.

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

ALL financial help is confidential. We will never deny a child being able to perform because of financial struggles. Students on Scholarship will not be charged TSS Coaching fees.

Rehearsals

We may have a couple of rehearsals to run numbers with students who need additional help. We will email and send home information regarding that.

***All students need to be working on/practicing their act at home and not just lessons.**

Tracks and Cuts

Everyone should know their cuts and have their tracks for practicing. We will have them on a flashdrive for the contest.

We will help students find songs, find tracks and will get tracks formatted for them. If a track needs cuts/customizing there is a charge. That charge is anywhere from \$10-up. If it is a complex cut and requires more than a small amount of time or is more than \$15 we will reach out.

Parking and Entry

Parking is \$10 cash. Usually, the best entrance is Walnut Grove (and enter in "Gate 3" into the **agricenter building**) but, you can also enter from Germantown Pkwy. You will let them know you are competing and they will show you where to park.

Call Times/Tickets

We like to meet with students prior to the contest. Your teacher will tell you specific information about this. You will meet at the check in table at the auditorium inside the Agricenter. We may be running numbers so text your teacher if you do not see us. Text your teacher to see where they are if you do not see them. Tickets will be free for competitors and available at the Agricenter entry 3 door.

Parents, Friends will have to purchase a ticket.

Students

When you arrive- be dressed and be warmed up.

No crying if you do not make it through to the next round.

This contest is for FUN. You never can guess who the winners will be. It is up to judges and every year is a surprise. So, enjoy yourself and no pressure!

For reference all of this information is on our website. You can always refer there for details as well.

Registration and Information

Below is the link for info and to **register** for **Star of the Fair- VOCAL** Contest

<https://www.deltafest.com/p/compete/starofthefair>

Below is the link for info and to **register** for **Songwriter Star- SONGWRITING ONLY**

<https://www.deltafest.com/p/compete/delta-songwriting-star>

We are so excited for this season! :)

Competition is a great way to advance your performance skills and such a time of comradery for all of the Shackers.

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