

North Dakota State Fair presents





Rules and Guidelines 2023

Entry Fees: No entry fees.

Deadline: Application and audition must be submitted by **May 31, 2023 at 11:59PM.** (See Below for Details.)

Eligibility: This competition is sanctioned by the North Dakota State Fair and open to non-signed competitors who wish to showcase their musical talents. Only musical talent will be considered. Participants may have an agent, however, if participant has a record deal, they will be disqualified.

Guidelines: Maximum of five people per band will perform with the equipment provided by the NDSF. Equipment includes, drums, amps, microphones. Must bring own guitars, and keyboard if needed. **No one but band members will be allowed back stage. (Up to 5 band members only.)** All finalists will need to pay their own gate admission. All finalists will receive 15 complimentary tickets to the Wednesday night grandstand show.

Timeline: Once submitted, the video will be reviewed by the NDSF Talent Judging Team. You will receive confirmation if you made it into the top 3 finalists by Thursday, June 15. A runner up will be selected to perform in case of an immediate drop out by a finalist. From there, **ALL FINALISTS** must get ready to perform on the biggest stage in North Dakota as the opening Grandstand act on Wednesday, July 26. Once all finalists have performed, the NDSF Talent Judging Team will then immediately choose a winner of the competition who will receive \$2,000.

How to submit an audition: Competitors submit their application and YouTube video audition through the ndsf@minot.com e-mail OR by filling out the online application located at ndstatefair.com/hometown-sound/

Singing must be done either acapella or with live accompaniment, back tracks may be used, if recorded directly by the musician themselves. **NO KARAOKE TRACKS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

- Group videos must be the group performing one song, with optional introduction of the song – no other talking.
- Singing must be live. No filters. Videos must be a continuous shot and unedited. Videos should not be paused or spliced together.
- Competitors may wear the attire of their choice; however, all attire must be appropriate.
- A great stage performance is often an advantage to a competitor and they will be judged on this.



- Please submit a full song, not just clip or clips of pieces of songs.
- Complete all information fields in the entry form with details about the competitor, not the parent or guardian. If you are entering as a group, please put the main contact person for the group in the information fields.
- You may submit your video via YouTube link, Jump Drive (drop off at the ndsf office), or google drive link.
- Please ensure that your settings are public on all platforms so we are able to view.
- Each competitor may submit only one audition video. Submitting more than one audition may result in disqualification of the competitor.
- Selection of the Final THREE will take place from June 1 – June 15, 2023.
- **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- The Final Round of judging of the top three finalists will be held on the North Dakota State Fair Grandstand Stage as the opening act on July 26.
- The announcement of the winner will take place on the Grandstand Stage before the headlining artist takes the stage. We will ask all three finalists to come on stage for the announcement.
- A \$2,000 check will be handed to the winner.

****One Entry per person. ALL COMPETITORS** submitting online entries for the Audition agree to the terms of the North Dakota State Fair Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement. The North Dakota State Fair will receive all rights to all videos submitted.

Final Round of Judging: The top three performers as determined by the North Dakota State Fair Talent Judging Team, will advance to the final round of judging.

- The final round of judging will be held Wednesday, July 26, at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds as the opening act of the headlining show.
- All competitors will be required to purchase gate admission to the North Dakota State Fair.
- All competitors who will require sound check will need to be at the Grandstand by 2:00PM on Wednesday, July 26.
- All competitors will need to report backstage of the Grandstand for the show by 6:00PM.
- No one but band members will be allowed back stage. (maximum of 5 band members.)
- All competitors who advance to the final round will be required to provide a W-9 and social security number. The cash award will be made out to the primary contact. The group is responsible for equitable distribution of the cash award amongst its members.
- Each competitor will get 15 minutes on stage to perform for the final round of judging.
- Judges will individually score each competitor based on performance, crowd engagement, and music selection.

Music Selection and Equipment:

- Competitors may perform a song from the genre of their choice. One song must be a cover, and each song must not be longer than 4 minutes. Remember, competitors are being judged on crowd engagement, and music selection.
- Contestants should be prepared to perform acapella, in case of any technical difficulties.
- Backline will be provided for individuals or groups who wish to use instruments during their performance.
- The show reserved the right to end any performance it deem inappropriate.

Performance: A great stage performance will be a part of the judging, however, all performances must be appropriate for a family show. The show reserves the right to cancel the performance of any competitor performing in an excessively suggestive or other inappropriate manner.



Judging:

- Judges will be selected to judge both the auditions and the final round of the competition.
- Judges decisions are final.
- Winners will be announced immediately following the Final Round of Judging and winners will be recognized on stage.
- Results will be published on the North Dakota State Fair website at ndstatefair.com

Awards: The competition winners will receive \$2,000 to be presented immediately following the judging on Wednesday, July 26.

Contacts:

NDSF Marketing Director

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Attached Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

Attached Application for Competition





Application

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For Additional Information – Please see the Rules and Guideline attached to this application.

Name/Names (if performing as a group): _____

Name of Main Contact: _____

Address: _____ City, ND, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Group name (if applicable): _____

Song performed in audition video: _____

How will you submit your video: _____

(Youtube, google drive, jump drive {in person})

