



## Audition Rules & Tips

### Rules:

1. You must be 13-19 years of age on July 12, 2012 and a resident of the state of Michigan to qualify to compete. If you audition and are chosen to fill one of the top ten spots for the Teen Idol contest in July and cannot prove your age, you will be disqualified.
2. Each performer should have two songs ready to sing for auditions. One of the two songs **MUST** be *The Star Spangled Banner* (The National Anthem). You will only need to sing The Star Spangled Banner if the judges ask for it. There will be no sound system or microphone. These auditions are sung *a capella* (without music) and without a sound system.
3. No backup singers or background music is allowed in the auditions.
4. All performers are asked to be courteous to others auditioning. Loud noises outside the hallways or outside the auditorium will not be tolerated. Just remember, treat others as you'd like to be treated.
5. The auditions are closed to the public. This means the public is not allowed in the auditorium. If the performer would like to allow parents or other family members in to watch, that's up to them.
6. Requirements of the top ten performers:
  - a. Must be willing to collect a minimum of \$250 in donations to benefit the Jackson School of the Arts and a charity of the 2012 Teen Idol Champion's choice.
  - b. Must be available on July 12 to compete in the American 1 Teen Idol competition at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. (In case of rain, the event will be moved inside at the Jackson High School Auditorium)
  - c. Must provide the proper background music on a CD for the songs chosen for the main event. (Details will follow on how to obtain that if you are in the top ten.)

### How the auditions will run:

When you arrive, please check in immediately. You will get your picture taken at that time. This is the picture we will use for promotional purposes if you make the top ten. We will let you know when you check in if we are running on time, running ahead of schedule or are behind. We will call each performer when it's your turn to audition. Guests of the performer must sit in the **BACK** of the auditorium, no exceptions. When you're called, please get on stage, tell us your name, age, and what song you're going to sing. This way all the judges can make sure they have the correct judging sheets in front of them. When your audition is over and the judges release you, please exit the auditorium and you're free to leave. We'll call in the next performer once you've left the auditorium. Be ready to perform before your scheduled timeslot just in case we are ahead of schedule!

### Tips:

1. Arrive 20 minutes early for your audition. If we are running ahead of schedule, we will continue to stay ahead of schedule when possible. **If you are not there at the time of your scheduled audition, you may be forced to forfeit your audition** due to the tight schedule we have in many locations.
2. During auditions it is not required that you sing the entire song you have chosen, but it is encouraged you know the whole song.
3. Props can really add to your presentation; just make sure your prop fits your song.
4. You will be judged on overall talent, stage presence, showmanship, and level of organization. Of course, all costumes, props, songs, etc. must be family-friendly – not only for the auditions, but for the main event in July.
5. Smile! Having a smile on your face tells us you're having fun and want to be there – a smile goes a long way!
6. Practice! Starting now, practice, practice, practice! Sing in the shower, sing in the car, sing on the bus, sing between classes – the more you practice, the more you'll remember the words to your songs and will be more comfortable and focused showing off your talent.

### The Results:

After all auditions are complete (Thursday, May 9 is the last day for auditions), we will tally the score sheets the following week and determine the top ten performers. We will then send a mailing out in a timely manner to let everyone know the results. We know everyone will be anxious to find out, but we ask that you do not call the office to get the results.