

Talent Hunt Participation
Middle and High School Eligibility Requirements
Showcase - Saturday, March 20, 2021 6:00pm – 8:00pm

A. Video Submissions

Video submissions are **due no later than Friday February 5, 2021 at 11:59pm at <http://Annapolisalumnaedst.org>**. Submissions should be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes in length.

***** Video Submissions will be the actual performance judged for the showcase**
(Note: Please review the video submission requirements – Separate document)

The Talent Hunt Showcase is open for the following forms of art:

1. Dance
2. Dramatic Arts
3. Spoken Word
4. Instrumental Music
5. Vocal Music
6. Visual Arts

B. Basic Rules for Participation

1. Contestant must be a middle school student or a high school student who has not advanced beyond a senior year at time of the Local Talent Hunt Showcase.
2. Contestants attend school in the following areas: Annapolis, Arnold, Broadneck, Crofton, Gambrills, Severna Park, Old Mill and Southern Anne Arundel County areas. If contestant lives in any of the aforementioned areas and attends a private school in a different area, proof of residency on your school's letterhead is required.
3. Contestants who are "Home Schooled" must present verification from their school district that they are enrolled as a middle/high school student.
4. All presentations including instrumental numbers must be memorized and must be dignified and in good taste. Presentations which are not memorized cannot be considered for 1st place.
5. Track music may be used for accompaniment as long as there is no lead instrumental or background vocals included on the track.
6. A photograph (no selfies) and a biographical sketch of 100 words or less must accompany the application.
7. Application must be complete and all consent forms signed by parent/guardian. (where not applicable put N/A).
8. All questions should be directed to Artsandletters@annapolisalumnaedst.org
9. All judges' decisions are final..

Virtual Talent Hunt Showcase Video Submission Requirements

- Contestant must submit his/her video in mp4 or mov format and should be saved as the contestant's name (e.g., mikesmith.mov).
- Videos cannot contain special effects to enhance performance
- Contestant must provide a quick introduction (15 seconds). See example in Helpful Hints below.
- Video does not need to be professionally recorded
- Video made with an iPhone or other digital devices are acceptable provided the audio and video is clear and is in the proper format.
- Video submitted should be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes in length.

Requirements:

1. Video should not be edited and the video quality should be clear and of high resolution.
2. Contestant introduction at the beginning of the video should include: Greeting, name, age, grade, school (City/State), category of performance and composer (if applicable).

Example: Hello, my name is Charles Young, I am 17 years old and a senior at Annapolis High School in Annapolis, MD. I will be performing in the dramatic interpretation category: "Invictus" by William Ernest Henley.

3. Contestant should play his/her video back and review before submitting. Once submitted no additional video submissions will be accepted. The submission is final.
4. Contestants should be sure if recording on a cellular device, that they place their phone in "Do Not Disturb" mode to avoid interruptions.
5. In the Visual Arts category, the contestant should showcase three pieces of art and speak to each piece (i.e., what does the piece mean, the theme of the piece, etc.: (3-5-minute video max)
6. Please ensure that the video background does not include the following: identifiable personal information, pictures, contestant names, controversial/inappropriate items, etc.
7. Video submitted will not be stopped or rewound for the judges to score and evaluate. The video will be played from start to finish.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

Question: Can I record my performance using my smart phone?

Answer: Yes, you can use any modern smart phone (Android or IOS).

Question: Can the video be stopped or rewound for the judges?

Answer: No, the video must be played from start to finish (once) without pausing or stopping.

Note: If there are additional questions with regard to your video submission, please email to artsandletters@annapolisalumnaedst.org