



2021 LUPUS FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS, INC. STATEWIDE TALENT SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS – (NATIONWIDE)

1. There will be five categories: **Premieres (5-12), Elites (13-17), Phenoms (18-29), Jetsetters (30-59), and Legends (60+)**.
2. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show is open to all willing to perform nationwide. **All in state contestants must perform in person at the talent show.** Out of state contestants may submit a TALENT SHOW READY video performance of their acts for the auditions. In state contestants have the option of performing live or submitting videos for their auditions. After the audition process, any out of state videos selected will be shown on screen at the talent show. All performances will be judged by a panel of judges. Staff are ineligible to compete.
3. All acts compete in one of five divisions, based on the age of the contestant(s) at the time of their performance at the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show. In cases where the act consists of people from various age divisions, the act will compete in the older Division. Performers ages 5-17 who use an adult accompanist may compete in the Children Division provided accompanist does not assume any visual importance in the performance. Improper age category may result in disqualification.
4. Vocalists should use recorded accompaniment tracts with vocal background, but there shall be **no lead vocal on the tract.** For recorded accompaniment, **a flash drive with only one tract is recommended.** For live audition acts, please **bring a flash drive of two different audition songs-one for Semi-Finals and one for Final competition.** Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. will download copies at the audition.
5. Entries will be accepted in the following categories: **vocal, instrumental, comedy, spoken word, and dance.** Due to set-up time limitations (no longer than one minute), acts with more than three single instruments or acts that include full drum sets will have to arrive early to set up at audition and final performance if selected. **Lip sync is not allowed.**
6. Your entry is officially the first round of the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show contest. All contestants must perform the same act or musical selection exactly during auditions, semi-finals, and finals. This includes number of people in the act. Exceptions regarding people in act may be made on a case-by-case basis if change does not enhance performance. Requests for exceptions must be made by the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee, as soon as possible, prior to Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show date. Contestants may perform **a different number for the finals if they desire, but must have submitted it at the auditions.** Selection must be appropriate for family audience and may not include profanity or lewdness. **Acts MAY NOT use fire, pyrotechnics, liquids, confetti, guns, sharp instruments, such as knives or machetes, or any other substance or object that may prove hazardous or inappropriate.**
7. The performance **may not exceed one minute, thirty seconds** in length, with one minute allowed for set-up, if any. **Contestants exceeding the time limit will be penalized points. PLEASE CHECK IN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO AUDITION TIME.**
8. **Auditions:** After receiving all the entries, the committee will select applicants to perform at the tryouts. **Auditions will be limited to ninety seconds.** The auditions will be held September 25th and 26th, 2021. You will be contacted and/or assigned an audition time slot once your \$25 registration has been received. Auditions will be from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th from 3:00 pm– 6:00 pm. The auditions will be held at JoyNet Radio, 1501 Main Street, LR, AR 72202. In situations where contestants have chosen the same song, the first registered applicant has the right to perform that song. You will be notified in the email if that situation has occurred. **You must be able to describe your talent show outfit, wear, bring, or show a pic of the attire you will be wearing for the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show during your audition for approval by the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee.**



Any video performances selected during the audition phase will be required to have an additional zoom meet interview performance with the Talent show Committee to verify your talent displayed on your video is authentic.

9. **Video submissions:** Upload performances like you were uploading it for the actual talent show. Dress nice and perform like you are going to win. Make sure your video is clear and if you have sound, make sure the audio is clear. Make sure your videos are edited to your liking. If you are selected to be in the show and we feel like you did not upload a great video, we will ask for you to upload a better video for the actual show.
10. **Semi – Finals:** The Semi-final round will take place at the Wildwood Park for the Arts, 20919 Denny Road, LR, AR 72223. The doors will open at 2:30 pm (CST) and the talent show will begin at 3:30 pm (CST). There will be no more than 20 entries selected from the auditions to move on to the semi-final round. However, there could possibly be 21 acts in the case of a statistical tie. There will be a 10 minute intermission after this round.
11. **Final Round:** There will be one finalist from each age category selected to move on to the final round after the intermission. A panel of judges will be selecting who makes it on to the final round, but scoring will include a percentage for online voting for your favorites through our website.
12. **Winners:** The 1st place winner will receive a \$1,000.00 cash award, the 2nd place winner will receive a \$500 cash award, and the 3rd place winner will receive a \$200 cash award. The winners will be required to sign a cash receipt document after the talent show. In the event a winner comes from out of state, the document will be emailed to recipient for a signature, and awards will be paid out electronically.
13. Each contestant must be available to perform in each round. Should an act fail to perform in a particular round, that act forfeits the right to advance to the next round. Substitutions will not be allowed. The vacated time slot will be assigned to the first available talent on the alternate list as established by the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee. **All auditioners are encouraged to attend and be available to perform in case of multiple vacated time slots.**
14. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee shall have sole authority in selecting acts in the competition, scheduling of those selected and control over stage sets, sound, lights, power and overall (master) volume.
15. **Complete entry forms along with your non-refundable \$25 registration, made payable to the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. must be submitted no later than the day of your audition. Contestants will not be allowed to audition if registration is not paid in full.**
16. A contestant may only submit one application and can only appear in one act.
17. Once a contestant has **won** the 2021 1st Place Award, he/she/they **will not be eligible to compete for the following three years** at the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show.
18. All act equipment is the sole responsibility of the act. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee assumes no liability for said equipment or responsibility for procurement if same.



19. The house sound system will be provided by the Wildwood Park and will be scaled to the venue used and reasonable requirements of the contestants. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Stage Manager will have absolute control over the sound system.
20. No modification to stage acts, equipment or sound is to be made by any attraction without the written approval of the Talent Show Stage Manager and coordinator.
21. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee assumes no responsibility for any expense, meals, transportation, or rooms of any contestant.
22. Dressing rooms closest to the stage will be available for change of clothes. Contestants will wait in a designated area prior to performing. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. will not be responsible for lost, stolen articles, valuables, damages, or injury.
23. Each act under age 18 with no licensed driver will receive one ticket for one adult chaperone.
24. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show will be videotaped. It also will be photographed by an Official Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Photographer.
25. All judges' decisions are final and scores will not be released to contestants or the public.
26. All contestants agree to allow the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. to use their likeness in promotion, photography, or video photography. We also reserve the right to use your voice and likeness in all advertisements.
27. All contestants must sign a release form prior to competing.

This talent show is a fundraiser for the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. You, as a contestant, get to help a worthy cause and exhibit your talents. None of the staff is paid. We are all volunteers. All funds that are raised stay in Arkansas and are used to help educate and provide lupus patients and the public lupus information all over the state.



Please read the entire packet before completing the attached Entry Form, Biography for each performer, and Stage Layout. Please **print** **clearly or type** all information required. Use additional pages if necessary.

Application is hereby made for entry into the 2021 Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show. In consideration of the acceptance of the application, the entry agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend against any actions the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., Board of Directors, nor their volunteers from and against all liabilities whatsoever arising out of its participation in the 2021 Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show.

Submission of entry form does not ensure acceptance. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show Committee approval is required.

*A completed Entry Form must include (1) Description of the act, (2) Photograph of contestant(s), (3) One page biography for each performer with background information, names of all the contestants, ages and birthdates, and where they are from, talent contests you have performed in, and how you have finished and other information that could be used in introducing your act, (4) If any contestants have a connection to lupus, and (5) Stage plot showing microphone and positioning for each member of the act. Include all technical requirements and whether your act will use a flash drive.

Entrant agrees to comply with the rules and regulations of the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show as prescribed and listed in this form, or additional rules that are deemed necessary for the safe conduct of the talent contest and related activities. Failure to comply may cause denial of entry on the day of competition or jeopardize future participation.

Applicants will be notified by email of their time slot within **5 (five) business days** following application closing date of **September 17, 2021**. Walk-ins will be accepted the days of auditions with a paid \$25 registration and assigned a time slot on site. The auditions will be held **Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th, 2021** at JoyNet Radio, 1501 Main Street, LR, AR 72202. You will be notified within 5 (five) business days after the auditions if you will be in the talent show. The *Semi-finals* and *Fnals* will take place **Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Wildwood Park for the Arts, 20919 Denny Road, LR, 72223**. Mail completed **original** entry form along with registration fee of \$25.00 to:

Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc.
c/o of Talent Show Committee
P. O. Box 195072, Little Rock, AR 72219-5072

OR

You may register online and pay your registration fee on the website:
<https://www.lupusarktalentshow.com>, or print out forms and email or mail in, but
your entry is not official until the registration fee has been paid and processed!

ENTRY DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
10:00 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

For further info, please contact David Ashley @ (501) 766-2691 or
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