



Stars In The Park Talent Show Contest Rules and Information

Auditions

- Starts in the Park requires an audition of your performance.
- Auditions for the Stars in the Park Quarter Finals will be held May 22–26 at the Jay Community Center. You will be contacted prior to the auditions to schedule your date and time.
- Auditions will be closed from the audience and will be scored by judges and director of Stars in the Park.
- You must come prepared for your audition. You must bring everything that you will be using for your performance. You must have items ready, and instruments tuned prior to performance. A keyboard will be provided for contestants to use at the Auditions and show nights in Portland. A practice room will be provided for contestants to prep for Auditions.
- In lieu of a live audition, a performance can be (and is encouraged to be) submitted via a YouTube video. Submissions of these must be emailed to membership@jaycounty-chamber.com. MP3 auditions will NOT be accepted. Contestants must either submit a YouTube Video or participate in a live Audition.
- Video submissions for Stars in the Park are due May 12.

Entry Fee

- For returning contestants who participated in the 2013-2016 Stars in the Park contests, registration is **FREE if you submit by May 1**. After May 1, the entry fee will be \$10.
- For new contestants the entry fee is \$20.

Contest Rules

- Stars in the Park is open to everyone and every talent. Contestants must give age at the time of the Finals performance on August 4th. If you are 17 at the time of Auditions and Quarter Finals but are 18 at Finals you will be deemed 18 years old for awards given during the Finals.
- All shows will be at Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre, S. Wayne St., Portland
- Dance performances will be accepted but there will be no special floor provided. You must dance on the concrete stage or the grass area in front of the stage.
- You are responsible for all costumes/props/instruments/etc., and set-ups for your performance. You must come prepared and ready for every performance.
- You must have two different performances prepared for the contest – one for the Quarter Final performance and one if your act advances to the Finals. All performance pieces must be approved by the Stars in the Park's executive/technical director prior to performance. Any changes must also be reported to the director at least 5 days prior to next performance for approval.

- Contestants will be limited to one 6-minute performance in the quarter final rounds and one 8-minute performance in the finals round. Note: “performance” includes time for set up on stage.
- There will be two manners of judging in the quarter finals.
 - The audience will vote with ballot tickets only – no cash votes.
 - The Top 4 contestants from each Quarter Final night will advance to the Finals:
 - ONE - The top Audience Pick
 - TWO & THREE - The top 2 chosen from combined scores of the Judges and Audience
 - FOUR - A Judges Choice
 - There will be three judges for each Quarter Final. On Finals night there will be a 5 member panel of judges.
 - Judges for both auditions and show nights will judge on the following criteria:
 - Personality
 - Originality
 - Creativity
 - Quality of Performance
 - Organization/Coordination
 - Stage Presence
 - Overall Performance
 - Judges will be the final decision in case of a tie.
 - During Quarter Finals and Finals, voting will be a 1/3 to 2/3 split between audience and judges. Audience ticket votes and judge scoring points will be combined to determine finalists. The top audience vote over all, a Judges’ Save and two contestants who have the top combo points will advance to the Finals round.
 - On Finals night, only the audience will get to vote for a Fan Favorite. There are two Fan Favorite awards: “Fan Favorite 18 and Over,” and “Fan Favorite 17 and Younger.” The Top 3 overall contestants are not eligible for these prizes.
- It is agreed that participants will not hold the Jay County Chamber of Commerce, Stars in the Park Sponsors nor affiliated businesses, nor their directors, employees or competition judges or officials responsible for injuries sustained or illnesses contracted by them when in attendance and or participating in any phase of the competition.
- Participants give their permission to the Jay County Chamber of Commerce to use photographs and appearance in video in connection with print, online, radio advertising or news coverage in connection with Stars in the Park competition. As well as any marketing after the competition.
- This is a family-friendly event. Participants must dress appropriately and not wear anything deemed offensive nor should their performance in any way or manner be deemed inappropriate or offensive. The judges will have total discretion to decide and immediately disqualify any contestant that violates this term. This includes behavior that may in any way be deemed abusive, illegal, defamatory, libelous, indecent, obscene, offensive or threatening.
- 4 contestants will advance from each Quarter Final and will compete in the Finals.
- In the case of inclement weather, the show will be moved to the following Tuesday. The Director and chamber officers will make the final decision for postponement, which will be announced as soon as possible.

Deadlines and Performance Dates

- May 12, Submission of Audition Form and/or online video submissions for auditions are due to the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.
- May 22-26, Audition Dates at the Jay Community Center
- June 29, Quarter Final #1
- July 6, Quarter Final #2
- July 20, Quarter Final #3
- July 27, Quarter Final #4
- Friday, August 4, Stars in the Park Finals, Portland

Prizes to be awarded:

- Grand Prize - \$1,250
- 1st Runner-Up Prize - \$500
- 2nd Runner-Up Prize - \$250
- Fan Favorite 18 and Over - \$250
- Fan Favorite 17 and Younger - \$250

Contact Information

- www.starsinthepark.com
- Facebook: Stars in the Park
- General information/Audition Form:
 - Jay County Chamber of Commerce 260-726-4481
- Show Information/Producer:
 - Samantha Thomas samanthathomas1983@yahoo.com 260-251-5514