



CONTESTANT APPLICATION PACKET

Competition Date:

Thursday February 12, 2026

Registration Deadline:

January 30, 2026

Get your ACT together
NOW!



2026 Dates To Remember

January 5, 2026

Application Packets available online or in person at the Cultural Arts Center Box Office. Link for Registration is: <https://form.jotform.com/210044644189050>

January 30, 2026

Deadline for all applications to be completed in person or online including Legal and Parental permission forms. Entry fees are due with registration: \$25 for 1 contestant performing; \$30 for 2-3 contestants performing together; \$50 for 4-9 contestants performing together; \$75 for group of 10 or more contestants performing together.

February 6, 2026

Deadline for Photos, MP3's, YouTube links to be emailed to us or CD's turned in to us. If these are not received by this date, you will not be able to be entered into the show.

February 2, 2026

Reserved seat tickets go on sale. Adults \$15/ Students K-12th grade \$10/ children 4 and under Free but still need a ticket to reserve a seat. Link for ticket purchases online is: <https://form.jotform.com/220256507600143>

February 9, 2026

People's Choice Award Voting Opens ONLINE! To be eligible to be in People's Choice Award voting we must have your photo and other documents by March 28, 2025 so we can create your online voting profile. Link for Voting will be: <https://form.jotform.com/220256939890062>

Contestants will be notified of their Performance Line Up time and order

February 11, 2026

6:00 PM @ Cultural Arts Center-DRESS REHEARSAL. Mandatory attendance to be in show. Come dressed as if you were performing.

February 12, 2026

SHOW TIME! Doors open at 6:30 PM, show starts at 7 PM at the Cultural Arts Center Auditorium. Contestants must arrive by 6 PM to dress and be ready for their place in the lineup.



Before you proceed to the application, you must be sure you are eligible!

1. Are you between the ages of 5 and 18 at the time you complete this application?
2. Are you a U.S. Citizen or a Permanent Resident? Contestants must be a US citizen, a legal permanent resident of the United States, or possess a current employment authorization card (EAD card). *If you are not a US Citizen, you will be asked to provide proof of legal residency and/or proof of your right to work in the US in connection with your participation in the event.*
3. Do you have permission from your parents or legal guardian to participate in this event? AND will your parents or legal guardian accompany you to the event?
4. If your parent or legal guardian cannot accompany you to the event, but is allowing you, the minor, to attend under the supervision of a third party such as a vocal coach, or music teacher, then your parent/legal guardian must do 3 things:
 - a. Complete the Guardianship and Medical Authorization for Minors Form and turn it in with your registration packet
 - b. Designate the third party acting to be acting as guardian on the Personal Release Form
 - c. Your parent must sign both documents and turn them in with your registration packet.

Thank you for applying as a contestant in the Wiregrass Talent Quest, Jr. Event and fundraiser for the Cultural Arts Center.

Note: the Cultural Arts Center reserves the right, exercisable at any time in its sole discretion, to disqualify you or any member of your act from the competition should any individual supply untruthful, inaccurate, or misleading personal details or information, or for any other reason whatsoever.

NOW, ON TO THE APPLICATION!



CONTESTANT APPLICATION

DEADLINE January 30, 2026

Contestant Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ School Attending: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CONTESTANT cell phone #: _____

CONTESTANT email address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

PARENT Email Address: _____

PARENT cell phone #: _____

YOUR TALENTED ACT!

Category your act belongs in: Vocal Instrumental Dance Musical Theater

Number of people in your act: _____ If you are a group, does your group have a name for your act?: _____

IF VOCAL: please list the title, artist, and author of the song you are singing:

*Musical accompaniment is provided by: Accompanist (Name: _____) CD/MP3: _____

IF INSTRUMENTAL: please list the title, artist, and author or the song you are playing and what instrument(s) you will be playing:

*Do you need anything to sit on to play? _____ will you provide this or do we need to? _____
Does your instrument have a way to jack into for speakers? _____ Is your guitar electric or acoustic? _____
Are you bringing other devices to accompany your performance, if so list them here: _____

IF MUSICAL THEATER: please list the title, artist, author and show that your piece will be coming from:

Do you have props that you will be bringing that need to be on stage, and if so, please describe:

IF DANCE, please list the title, artist, and author of the song you will be dancing to: _____

Contestant Name: _____

GROUP ACT INFORMATION!

Only for acts that have more than a single contestant performing.

Please list below the name and contact information of all those that are in your group:

Contestant Name: _____

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF AND THE ACT!

By completing this section, you are giving the Cultural Arts Center permission to divulge personal information about you and/or your group through publicity, media, and marketing. We will be very careful about what we release since there are minors involved, but be aware that some of your reasons for participating in this event may be shared publicly.

What school do you attend? _____ Grade: _____
City: _____ State: _____

Do you work after school, summers, or full time? If so, where?

Are you or your group listed on any websites or social media sites that you control, or your act may be currently seen on? If so, please list those: _____

Tell us why you are participating in Wiregrass Talent Quest Jr and any obstacles that you have had to overcome while performing your talent over time; any special recognition or awards you may have received by performing your talent: why do you pursue your talent; and what do you hope to gain from participating in this event: _____

NOW ON TO THE LEGAL DOCUMENTS PAGE AND PARENTAL PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE!

Contestant Name: _____

LEGAL DOCUMENT AND PARENTAL PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENT

***This document requires a parent/legal guardian signature for you to participate in the event.
Please read the entire document before you sign.***

Eligibility Questionnaire:

1. Are you a US Citizen or legal permanent resident? YES NO
2. Are you represented by a manager or agent? YES NO

If yes, please give us the manager/agent's name, agency, and telephone number:

Participant Consent and Parental Release:

As a PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN of a participant in the Wiregrass Talent Quest, Jr (WTQJr), I hereby agree as follows:

I hereby grant to Cultural Arts Center (Hereafter known as CAC), without charge or compensation, the right to film, tape, record, photograph, exhibit, display, edit, distribute or otherwise use my child's appearance, names, likeness, voice, singing voice, conversations, sounds, signature, biographical data, and any information or materials provided by me to the CAC with the understanding that it can be used as part of the event's promotional material, voting material, marketing material, etc., and that as such, the CAC is the sole owner of and may freely assign my images and information as they deem necessary to promote and complete this event.

In the event that my child performs any ORIGINAL MUSIC in connection with the event to include musical arrangements, titles, lyrics, and all other elements of the term "music" or "recordings", I represent that we OWN, control and have obtained the rights, clearances, and releases necessary for CAC to allow us to perform this music and that the CAC has no intent in owning or exploiting my child's original music and any recordings that go with this event.

I agree that my child will be performing their own act which they created or selected for the CAC. And that since this is their own act, as parents we are responsible for determining that they are capable of performing the act and that it does not include fire or animals in the act. However, I understand that the CAC may, in its sole discretion, refuse to allow my child to participate in the WTQJr event if they reasonably believe that my child is not capable of performing the act or in some way could create harm or injury to themselves or the CAC during the performance of the act.

As parents/legal guardians of said child, we agree to follow all of the CAC's rules, directions, and instructions in all matters related to WTQJr and which may be subject to change from year to year as needed. We agree to accept any and all decisions of the CAC on all matters, including but not limited to discretionary matters (including but not limited to interviews during the event, contestant selection, and approval for performance, judges voting, People's Choice Award voting, etc.) as final and not subject to challenge, and acknowledge that the interests of the WTQJr shall override those of any participants. We again understand that at any time in this process, CAC reserves the right, exercisable at any time in its sole discretion, to disqualify my child from the event should we at any stage: supply untruthful, inaccurate, or misleading personal information,

fail to abide by the rules of conduct, dress, and behavior for the event, or make disparaging remarks related to any contestant in the event publicly or on social media, etc.

As Parent/Legal Guardian of this child, I hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless the CAC Board of Directors, Staff, and any Corporate or individual supporters of this event, and all others connected with the WTQJr event, their related parent companies, subsidiaries, and/or affiliated companies, and the officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives of each of the foregoing companies (collectively referred to as the "Release Parties" here on out) from any and all liabilities and claims arising out of or in any way resulting from my child's participation in this event in any aspect of phase thereof.

In addition, I agree to indemnify CAC and the Released Parties and to hold each of them harmless from any and all liability, claim, action, damage, expense, and loss of any kind (including, without limitation, attorney's fees) caused by or arising out of CAC's use of the music, photos, recordings, and arising out of breach or alleged breach of any provision hereof or any statement, action, or failure to act by me or my child during or in connection with my child's participation in the WTQJr. I understand that if I or others reveal or relate information of a personal, private, surprising, defamatory, disparaging, embarrassing or unfavorable nature OR if my child's actions may be embarrassing or of an otherwise unfavorable nature that may be fact or fictional, OR if my appearance, depiction, and portrayal in connection with the event may be disparaging, defamatory, embarrassing or of an otherwise unfavorable nature, that all this may expose my child to public ridicule, humiliation, or condemnation and may portray my child in a false light, then I am agreeing that these are potential harms to myself and my child. And without limiting in any way the foregoing possible events, I will not have the right to seek injunctive or other equitable relief against the CAC or any of the Released Parties.

I affirm that neither I nor anyone acting for me gave or agreed to give anything of value to any member of the Released Parties, Staff, or anyone associated in any manner with CAC for participation and consideration in this event. I understand that CAC's policies prohibit such payments.

I affirm that I am the parent/legal guardian of this child, that I am at least 19 years of age or older, and that I have the full and complete right and authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of my child.

I affirm that I am not a candidate for public office, and that my child's appearance in this event shall not be deemed to be a performance by law and is not employment under any collective bargaining agreement or performing arts guild and does not entitle my child to wages, salary, residuals, corporate benefits or other compensation under any such collective bargaining agreement. I agree that I cannot issue any publicity statements or interviews with respect to WTQJr, or my child's appearance in the event without written permission and consent of the Director of the CAC.

LASTLY, I understand that this event is a fundraiser for the Cultural Arts Center and is in no way connected to or can provide connections to any performance on a larger stage, any agent of any talent company, recording company, or performance guild. My child is participating as part of a fundraising event to share their talents, be judged upon those talents in accordance with guidelines given to judges for the event, with hopes of receiving recognition and awards. I understand that this is a show for the public to see.

This shall be a complete and binding agreement with the CAC, myself, and my child and it supersedes all prior understandings and agreements both oral and written. This agreement cannot

be terminated, rescinded, or amended except by failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the release.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE:

Date: _____

Parent'/ Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Please print Parent/Legal Guardian Name here: _____

Relationship to the child: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Home Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Note: IF YOU ARE PART OF A GROUP OF PERFORMERS, EACH PARENT OF A CHILD IN THE GROUP WILL NEED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT. PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT AND SIGNATURE SHEET TO ACCOMMODATE THE NUMBERS IN YOUR GROUP AND ATTACH ALL SIGNATURE SHEETS WITH YOUR APPLICATION AND LEGAL DOCUMENT.

**THIS IS THE END OF THE APPLICATION!
BUT NOT THE END OF THE REGISTRATION
REQUIREMENTS.....**

You will still need to look at the next page for items that will need to be emailed to us to really complete the registration packet requirements!

THINGS YOU STILL NEED TO DO TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS!

1. A 5X7 Color Photo:
2. MP3 of your performance or accompanying music*
3. YouTube Video Link of your performance^^

EMAIL THESE ITEMS TO: ann@theculturalartscenter.org NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 6, 2026!

if you are not sending an MP3, but are using a CD instead, you will need to drop off or have mailed the actual CD by **FEBRUARY 6TH to the box office of the CAC.*

^rules and guidelines for the YouTube Video Link:

1. You must video yourself performing/performing to the music/song that you are planning to use for the actual show. No substitutions
2. You must perform using the same instrument that you will be using to perform with on stage at the event. For pianists, you can play your own piano at home. The CAC will provide a grand piano for your performance, but your piano does not have to be a grand piano at home or in your studio.
3. You must be dressed in the costume or performance wear that you intend on wearing to the real show. Do not send a video unless you are completely dressed like you will be on stage. Failure to follow this rule could cost you entry into the event. **COSTUMING IS A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE JUDGE'S VOTES FOR WINNING.**
4. The upload to YouTube should include in the title your name, age, category of talent, and the name of the song you are performing.
5. Upload the YouTube video as a private link and include the CAC in the list of those deemed Private.
6. **COPY AND PASTE THE YOUTUBE LINK URL IN AN EMAIL AND SEND IT TO ann@theculturalartscenter.org no later than FEBRUARY 6, 2026.**

**YOU ARE READY! GO GET YOUR ACT
TOGETHER AND REGISTER NOW!**

