

## **Dearborn Stars** *Contestant Rules*

The competition will be held at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center the evening of July 16, 2008.

Performance must be a solo presentation of no more than 2 minutes in length. One talent presentation per person.

All performances must be appropriate for family viewing.

A female and male winner will be chosen from each age category. Winners of Dearborn Stars may be invited to perform at events in the city throughout the year.

Current Dearborn Star title holders are not eligible to compete in this year's competition but may compete next year.

Proof of age must be submitted – acceptable forms of proof are: copies of birth certificates, school identification, drivers license, state identification, etc. Proof of residency, Dearborn employment or Dearborn school attendance must be submitted with registration packet – acceptable forms of proof are: school class schedule, report card, copy of paystub, letter from employer, copy of work security badge, etc.

Contestants requiring music accompaniment must provide music on good quality CD to be submitted at contestant orientation meeting on July 9, 2008 at Ford Community and Performing Arts Center (The Center) . Only one song permitted per CD. The CD must be labeled with the name of the contestant and age. CDs will not be returned to contestants.

The Center will provide one microphone per performance. Electrical instruments requiring amplification will use the house sound system.

Props must be an integral part of the performance. No unnecessary props or backdrops are allowed. Prohibited props include: fire, smoke, fog devices. Props involving electricity must be UL approved, portable and self-contained.

No contestants will be allowed to re-perform their talent presentation unless it has been interrupted by a technical failure of the FCPAC.

In the event of a large number of entries, a two-day preliminary competition may be necessary. If a contestant is the only person in their respective age category, he/she must obtain a first place score to receive the title and award.

No photography or videotaping allowed during talent presentations. Performers are easily distracted by the movement, noise and lights in the theater audience. Photography and videotaping will be allowed during award ceremony.

All contestants must perform their talent presentation without any assistance or prompting from a person backstage or audience.

Contestants automatically grant permission to Dearborn Stars to use their photos and videos for advertising and publicity purposes, inclusive of cable television, internet or newspaper in connection with promotion campaigns.

No refund of registration fee.

A contestant orientation meeting will be held at the FCPAC on July 9, 2008 at 7pm Meet in the lobby by ticket booth. Contestants will be informed of final schedule of performances, orientation of theater, and publicity photos.

**Dearborn Stars Talent Competition**  
Registration Form

Performer's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Ph: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division:                    \_\_\_ Male        \_\_\_ Female

\_\_\_ 8-10 (Petite)                    \_\_\_ 11-13 (Junior)                    \_\_\_ 14-16 (Teen)  
\_\_\_ 17-20 (Miss/Mr)                    \_\_\_ 21-49 (Adult)                    \_\_\_ 50 & up (Senior)

Talent Presentation: \_\_\_ Dance \_\_\_ Vocal \_\_\_ Instrumental \_\_\_ Other/Specialty

Please describe your presentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Performance is a solo presentation of no more than 2 minutes in length**

**Registration fee is \$25.00 – Payable to the City of Dearborn**

**Entry Submission Packet: Postmark Deadline is June 1, 2008**

- **Registration fee of \$25 – Payable to: City of Dearborn**
- **Signed Registration Form**
- **Photograph of Contestant (may be used for publicity)**
- **Proof of Age & Residency (see attached rules)**
- **Contestant Introduction Form**

**Mail to: Dearborn Stars, 4755 Curtis, Dearborn, MI 48126**

**For questions or additional information, call Nancy Vitale @ (313) 846-8169  
or email nancy\_a\_vitale@yahoo.com**

**The signature below verifies that I have read and agree to comply with all the rules of the contest. I also verify that all the information provided is accurate.**

**I agree to release all directors, officers, or representatives of this competition and the City of Dearborn from any and all claims for damages or injuries sustained while participating in any activity relating to this competition. The proper signing of this agreement on this form is a condition of participation in the competition event. Judge's decision is final.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Adult Participant  
or Parent of Minor under 18 years old**

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Contestant Introduction Form

Performer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Talent Introduction/Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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Awards/Special Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clubs/Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer/Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Family information: (ex. "mother of 3", "oldest child of 6") \_\_\_\_\_

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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