

Allegan's Got Talent

Procedures, Guidelines and Policies

Procedures:

1. All performers must complete a Performer Application and submit it to the City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee, 401 Hubbard Street, Allegan, MI 49010. All applications must be received by **March 15, 2008**.
2. All performers must audition in order to perform in Allegan's Got Talent. The SAME costume, uniform or performing attire planned for the actual talent show MUST be worn at the audition. Auditions will be held March 24 and 25 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Based on applications, time slots will be scheduled for each performer.
3. Performers should not submit audiocassette tapes, CDs or videotapes of individual or group acts. Screening will be done through auditions ONLY.

Guidelines and Policies:

1. All performers must read and adhere to all Allegan's Got Talent Talent Show Procedures, Guidelines and Policies.
2. Performers and/or groups may not sell products of any kind, such as, but not limited to, t-shirts, CDs, souvenirs, food, etc. at the Allegan's Got Talent event.
3. Performers may not distribute pamphlets, business cards or fliers at the event. Performers MAY submit a Fact Sheet containing information about the individual or group performing including a biography, contact information and photos. Information from the Fact Sheet will be used to create the event program; however, the City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee has the right to alter any information submitted for the event program.
4. Performers' dress must be appropriate for a family friendly atmosphere. Offensive or indecent outfits or clothing with rude or offensive sayings are considered inappropriate dress for performing individuals or groups. Violation of this policy may result in immediate disqualification, at the discretion of the committee.
5. Performers will perform on the stage in The Griswold Auditorium, approximately 20'x28'. The stage is limited to approximately 10 – 15 performers at one time.
6. Performers will be scheduled to perform during Allegan's Got Talent on Friday April 25 between 7:00 -10:00 pm. The City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee will determine the event lineup and timeline. The Committee will make all final decisions in regards to scheduling.
7. Performances should be approximately 5 minutes in length per performance or act.
8. Qualifying performers must be able to attend all rehearsals and dress rehearsals for Allegan's Got Talent scheduled for April 14 – April 24. Exact dates and times will be established following the auditioning period.
9. The Arts and Entertainment Action Committee reserves the right to reject any application for performance at Allegan's Got Talent for ANY reason.
10. The Arts and Entertainment Action Committee reserves the right to prohibit any individual and/or group performance from participating in Allegan's Got Talent for any violation of these rules.

Qualifications:

The City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee is looking for:

- Individual and group performances oriented toward family friendly entertainment equivalent to a “G” rating for public performances.
- Individual and/or performances that display stage presence, audience appeal, originality, talent and overall ability.
- Individual and/or group performances that are approximately 5 minutes in length.
- Individual performers and group performers that do not exceed 10 -15 performers on stage at one time.
- All performers must be between the ages of 5 -18 years old and will be required to show birth certificate or other ID verifying age.

The Arts and Entertainment Action Committee draws talent from Allegan and other local communities at large; there is no preference given to any individual auditioning based on residence or school affiliation.

Auditions:

1. Auditions will be scheduled by the Arts and Entertainment Action Committee based on talent divisions, after all applications are reviewed. All applicants will be given an audition time slot as long as the application is properly filled out, received on time and the performer adheres to all policies, guidelines and qualifications.
2. Performer should arrive 15 minutes prior to allotted time slot for audition. Failure to do so may result in loss of audition.
3. Performers must audition dressed in costumes, uniforms and/or performing attire. Dress must be appropriate to a family entertainment atmosphere and must be similar to what will be wear during actual event. Violation of this policy may result in disqualification.
4. The City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee and panel of judges will determine, at its sole discretion, whether a performance act meets these qualifications and guidelines.
5. Auditions will be held March 24 and 25 from 3:00 – 8:00 pm at The Griswold Auditorium located at 401 Hubbard Street in Allegan, MI.

Equipment Available:

1. The final performance will be held on the stage in the Griswold Auditorium.
2. Microphones on stands will be provided.
3. A musical sound system will be available. Music to accompany acts must be in CD format and properly labeled on CD with name of performance.
4. Dressing rooms may or may not be provided. Final details about dressing rooms will be provided in Acceptance Letters to those performers selected from auditions.
5. Use of props is welcomed if part of your act; however, no special lighting or strobe lights can be used to enhance your “stage” performance. Basic event lighting will be determined by City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee.

Presentation of Acts:

1. Performances must be in “good taste” and family oriented.
2. Performances should be approximately 5 minutes in length.
3. Performers may NOT use profanity or show disrespectful reference to deity.
4. Fire is not permitted in any performance or act.
5. Performers are responsible for setting up, moving and removal of props and/or equipment.

6. Performances are limited to stage area only. Walking into the audience or approaching the judges is not permitted.
7. Performers may not invite any audience member to participate as part of the “act” on or off stage. Performers will be allowed to include the audience in “group” clapping during a portion of the performance.
8. Performers are responsible for assuring that any “stunts” that will be made on stage can be done successfully in the space provided. “Stunts” should be in clean taste and done in a safe and appropriate manner. Any such “stunts” must be performed the day of auditions. “Stunts” not approved by the City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee the day of auditions will not be allowed to be performed during the event. The City of Allegan does not accept any responsibility resulting from injuries caused as a result of stunts performed during Allegan’s Got Talent.

Compensation:

1. No individual and/or group will be paid for their performance.
2. Prizes will be awarded based on the decisions of the judges. The judging decisions will be final.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Allegan and/or City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee, their agents and/or employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as “City of Allegan”), from all claims, damages, losses, injuries and expenses, including but not limited to lost, stolen and/or damaged equipment or articles belonging to any individual or group performer arising out of or resulting from participation in the talent show or talent show auditions. I further agree to release, acquit and covenant not to sue the City of Allegan for all actions, causes of action, claims or damages, damages in law or remedies in equity of whatever kind, including the negotiations of the City of Allegan, or my family, myself, my heirs, other talent show participants or any other person, against the City of Allegan, arising out of participation in Allegan’s Got Talent or auditions.

The City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee reserves the right to modify these procedures, rules and guidelines at any time without prior notice and to make such other rules and decisions as it finds necessary in its discretion.

Signatures from all those applying for and those requesting an audition to perform at Allegan’s Got Talent must be made on the Allegan’s Got Talent Application. Signatures of all performers and a guardian must be received by City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee prior to any auditions or performances by an individual or group performer. Performers may be disqualified if signatures are not received.