

Allegan's Got Talent

Procedures, Guidelines and Policies

Procedures:

1. 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 29 and 30 from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Singing performers should bring instrumental version of song with them. There will be a \$10 audition fee for any act that wishes to perform.
2. 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 MUST 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 introduce performers; however, the City of Allegan Arts and Entertainment Action Committee has the right to alter any information submitted.
4. All performances must be age appropriate. The City of Allegan's Art and Entertainment Action Committee will have final say on whether a performer's content is considered age appropriate.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Performers will be scheduled to perform during Allegan's Got Talent preliminaries on Friday, April 16, between 7:00 -10:00 P.M. The top performers will be invited back for the Allegan's Got Talent Finals on Friday, April 23. The finals event will begin at 7:00 P.M. 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.
8. Performances should be no longer than 5 minutes in length per performance or act.
9. Qualifying performers must be able to attend one audition session on March 29 or 30, a dress rehearsal on April 13, preliminaries on April 16, and finals on April 23.
10. The Arts and Entertainment Action Committee reserves the right to reject any application for performance at Allegan's Got Talent for ANY reason.
11. The Arts and Entertainment Action Committee reserves the right to prohibit any individual and/or group performance from participating in Allegan's Got Talent.

Qualifications:

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

1. Individual and group performances oriented toward family friendly entertainment equivalent to a "G" rating for public performances.
2. Individual and/or performances that display stage presence, audience appeal, originality, talent and overall ability.
3. Individual and/or group performances may be no longer than 5 minutes in length.
4. Individual performers and group performers that do not exceed 10 -15 performers on stage at one time.
5. All performers must be between 5 years old and a senior in high school and may be required to show ID that verifies their 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. Open auditions are scheduled for March 29 and 30 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Auditions will be held at the Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard Street, in downtown Allegan. All acts auditioning for Allegan's Got Talent will be charged a \$10 nonrefundable audition fee. Audition time slots will be given on a first come first served basis.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Performers must audition the act they plan to perform on the first night of competition.

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. Music used by performers who intend to sing needs to be the instrumental version of the song.
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.
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.
3. A “People’s Choice” Award will be given to the performer who raises the most money in donations, in their name.

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.

(Signed)

(Printed Name)

(Guardian Signature)

(Guardian Printed Name)