



**2025 LUPUS FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS, INC. STATEWIDE TALENT SHOW  
RULES & REGULATIONS--(STATEWIDE)**

1. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show is open to all Arkansas residents aging from 5-60+ willing to perform. Contestants have the option of performing live or submitting videos for their auditions, but **ALL contestants must perform in person at the talent show.** All performances will be judged by a panel of judges. Staff are ineligible to compete.
2. Performers who use an accompanist may compete individually provided accompanist does not assume any visual importance in the performance. However, accompanist **MUST ATTEND** the auditions with their own equipment .
3. Vocalists should use recorded accompaniment tracks with vocal background, but there shall be **no lead vocal on the track.** For recorded accompaniment, **a flash drive with only one track is recommended.** For live audition acts, please bring a flash drive of **TWO** different audition songs in case of duplication of songs. Virtual auditions also need to submit **TWO** different audition performances. Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. will download copies at the audition.
4. Entries will be accepted in the following categories: **vocal, instrumental, comedy, spoken word, dance, and variety acts.** Due to set-up time limitations (no longer than three minutes), acts with more than three single instruments or acts that include full drum sets will have to arrive early to set up at audition and final performance if selected. **Lip sync is not allowed.**
5. Your entry is officially the first round of the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show contest. All contestants must perform the same act or musical selection exactly during auditions and finals. This includes number of people in the act. Exceptions regarding people in act may be made on a case-by-case basis if change does not enhance performance. Requests for exceptions must be made by the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee, as soon as possible, prior to Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show date. Contestants may perform **a different number for the finals if they desire, but must have submitted it at the auditions.** Selection must be appropriate for family audience and may not include profanity or lewdness. Acts **MAY NOT** use live animals, fire, pyrotechnics, liquids, confetti, guns, sharp instruments, such as knives or machetes, or any other substance or object that may prove hazardous or inappropriate.
6. The performance **may go up to two minutes** in length, with **90 seconds** allowed for set-up, if any. **Contestants exceeding the time limit will be penalized points after a 15 second grace allowance. PLEASE CHECK IN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO AUDITION TIME.** Songs must already be trimmed down prior to auditions. If you need help editing, you must contact us prior to the auditions to set up an editing time with our sound technician. Live bands will have up to three minutes for set up.
7. **Auditions:** After receiving all the entries, the committee will select applicants to perform at the tryouts and notify by email. **You must be able to describe your talent show outfit, wear, bring, or show a pic of the attire you will be wearing for the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show during your audition for approval by the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee.**

The audition process will be limited to ten minutes allowing for four minutes for the two performances. The auditions will be held Saturday, April 5, 2025 **ONLY**. You will be contacted and/or assigned an audition time slot once your **\$25 nonrefundable** registration donation, or **\$50** for bands of 5 or more members have been received. **Auditions will be from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday, April 5th** at the **In His Presence Worship Ministries, 2700 Pershing Blvd., North Little Rock, AR 72114**. In situations where contestants have chosen the same song, the first registered applicant has the right to perform that song. You will be notified in the email if that situation has occurred.

- 8. Video submissions:** Upload performances like you were uploading it for the actual talent show. Dress nice and perform like you are going to win. Make sure your video is clear and if you have sound, make sure the audio is clear. Make sure your videos are edited to your liking.

**Any video song performances selected during the audition phase will be required to have an additional zoom meet interview performance with the Talent show Committee to verify your talent displayed on your video is authentic.**

- 9. Finals:** The Finals will take place at the **Little Rock Southwest High School Auditorium, 9715 Mabelvale Pike, Mabelvale, AR 72103**. The lobby doors will open at 2:00 pm (CST) and the talent show will begin at 3:00 pm (CST). There will be no more than **10** entries selected from the auditions to move on to the final round at the talent show. However, there could possibly be **11** acts in the case of a statistical tie. A panel of judges will be scoring performances by a 100 point system. Points will be given for 1) Stage Presence and Appearance 2) Technical Correctness, 3) Overall Quality Audience Appeal, Talent Ability, and 4) Audience Applause. Each Category will be weighted equally. All judges' decisions are final and scores will not be released to contestants or the public. There will be a 15-minute intermission after this round. The tallying of votes will be taking place during the intermission.
- 10. Winners:** The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive a \$1,000.00 cash award and a trophy, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will receive a \$500 cash award and a trophy, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will receive a \$200 cash award and a trophy. The winners will be required to sign a cash receipt document after the talent show.
- 11.** Each contestant must be available to perform at the talent show. Should an act fail to be able to perform due to a member of the group or duet, that act forfeits the right to perform. Substitutions will not be allowed. The vacated time slot will be assigned to the first available talent on the alternate list as established by the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee. **All non-selected contestants are encouraged to attend and be available to perform in case of multiple vacated performance slots.**

**The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee shall have sole authority in selecting acts in the competition, scheduling of those selected and control over stage sets, sound, lights, power and overall (master) volume.**



12. Completed entry forms along with your nonrefundable \$25 or \$50 registration donation, made payable to: LFOA, Inc., Memo: STW Talent, Cash App: \$lupus4arkansas, or pay online: [www.lupus4arkansas.com](http://www.lupus4arkansas.com) and be submitted no later than the day of your audition. Contestants will not be allowed to audition if registration is not paid in full. Registration fees are tax deductible.
13. A contestant may only submit one application and can only appear in one act. Once a contestant has won the 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award, he/she/they **will not be eligible to compete for the following three years** at the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show.
14. All act equipment is the sole responsibility of the act. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee assumes no liability for said equipment or responsibility for procurement if same.
15. The house sound system will be provided by the Little Rock Southwest High School and will be scaled to them and reasonable requirements of the contestants. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Stage Manager will have absolute control over the sound system.
16. No modification to stage acts, equipment or sound is to be made by any attraction without the written approval of the Talent Show Stage Manager and coordinator.
17. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show Committee assumes no responsibility for any expense, meals, transportation, or rooms of any contestant.
18. Contestants will wait in a designated area prior to performing. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. will not be responsible for lost, stolen articles, valuables, damages, or injury.
19. Each act under age 18 with no licensed driver will receive one ticket for one adult chaperone.
20. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Talent Show will be videotaped. It also will be photographed by an Official Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Photographer. The talent show video performances and pics will be posted on our website: [www.lupus4arkansas.com](http://www.lupus4arkansas.com) and YouTube: LFOA, INC. Annual Statewide Talent Show.
21. All contestants agree to allow the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. to use their likeness in promotion, photography, or video photography. We also reserve the right to use your voice and likeness in all advertisements.
22. All contestants must sign a release form prior to competing. **On the day of the show, we will have a mandatory tech rehearsal from 1:00-2:30 pm that will be beneficial for you as a contestant, and us, to make sure your act and the show runs smoothly.**

This talent show is a fundraiser for the **Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc.** You, as a contestant, get to help a worthy cause and exhibit your talents. None of the volunteers are paid. All funds that are raised stay in Arkansas and are used to help educate and provide lupus patients and the public lupus information all over the state.

**Contestant Copy**



Please read the entire packet before completing the attached Entry Form, Biography for each performer, and Stage Layout. Please print clearly or type all information required. Use additional pages if necessary.

Application is hereby made for entry into the 2025 Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show. In consideration of the acceptance of the application, the entry agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend against any actions the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., Board of Directors, nor their volunteers from and against all liabilities whatsoever arising out of its participation in the 2025 Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show.

**Submission of entry form does not ensure acceptance. The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show Committee approval is required.**

**\*A completed Entry Form must include (1) Description of the act, (2) Photograph of contestant(s), (3) One page biography for each performer with background information, names of all the contestants, ages and birthdates, and where they are from, talent contests or productions you have performed in within the past 5 years, and how you have finished, and other information that could be used in introducing your act, (4) If any contestants have a connection to lupus, and (5) Stage plot showing microphone and positioning for each member of the act. Include all technical requirements and whether your act will use a flash drive.**

Entrant agrees to comply with the rules and regulations of the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Statewide Talent Show as prescribed and listed in this form, or additional rules that are deemed necessary for the safe conduct of the talent contest and related activities. Failure to comply may cause denial of entry on the day of competition or jeopardize future participation.

Applicants will be notified by email of their time slot within **5 (five) business days** following application closing date of **March 29, 2025**. Walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the auditions with a nonrefundable paid \$25 or \$50 registration and assigned a time slot on site. The auditions will be held **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025** at **In His Presence Worship Ministries, 2700 Pershing Blvd., North Little Rock, AR 72114**. You will be notified within 5 (five) business days after the auditions if you will be in the talent show. The Finals will take place **Saturday, June 28, 2025, at the Little Rock Southwest High School Auditorium, 9715 Mabelvale Pike, Mabelvale, AR 72103**. Mail completed **original** entry form along with a **NONREFUNDABLE registration fee of \$25 or \$50 by check to: LFOA, Inc., Memo: STW TALENT, Cash App: \$lupus4arkansas or go**

**on line and pay:**

LFOA, Inc. Statewide Talent Show  
401 South Scott Street, Suite 4  
Little Rock, AR 72201

OR

**You may register online and pay your registration fee on the website: <https://www.lupus4arkansas.com>, or print out forms and email or mail in, but your entry is not official until the registration fee has been paid and processed!**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY:  
MIDNIGHT. SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**

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