



# Talent Slam!

## FAQs

### Can I bring friends and family with me to the tryouts?

Family and friends are encouraged to attend the tryouts with the Performer. If the performer is under 18, a legal guardian must accompany them to the tryout.

### What will my child need to provide the day of the event?

The National Kidney Foundation of Arizona will provide the microphone and sound equipment. Please provide any props, instruments, costumes or other accompaniments that your child will need for their performance. *A completed Release Agreement is required before auditioning, and can be completed and brought to the audition, or filled out on-site.* Music needs to be provided on a flash drive or cd that only contains that edited file.

### What can I not bring to the tryouts?

The list of prohibited items below is not exhaustive. If an item is not listed below, the staff reserves the right to ask you to remove any such item from the venue. People in possession of these prohibited items will be denied admission into the venue, and may be subject to immediate disqualification:

- Coolers of any kind, unless for medical reasons.
- Fireworks
- Props that must be used with fire or pyro
- Weapons of any kind (including pocket knives, army knives, or Swiss Army-knives, and all swords)
- Sharp tools
- Mace, pepper spray, or similar items
- Illicit drugs or alcohol

During this first round of auditions we cannot have fire, swords, or other sharp objects at the venue. If you have a prop or dull swords, knives, or other props that appear dangerous - but are not, or if you need sharp tools (i.e. scissors, screwdrivers, etc.) to do your act, please notify our staff and we will try to accommodate you.

### How many performers will be chosen for the showcase?

The twenty highest scoring performers at our auditions will be invited to participate at the showcase. Their performance order will be selected at random.

## **How long are each performance?**

Each performer is allotted up to two minutes for their performance.

## **How and when will each performer know if they are selected to perform in the showcase?**

Performers will be notified within four weeks of auditioning if they have or have not been chosen to participate in the showcase. You will receive an email and phone call from the National Kidney Foundation of Arizona staff.

## **Can I bring my friends and family to the showcase?**

Yes, if you are chosen to perform in the showcase we of course want your friends and family to support you! Tickets will be available for the event and we encourage you to bring a cheering section!

## **How does fundraising play a role in the qualification and judging of this event?**

This event has a special purpose to raise funds to reinstate the kidney youth summer camp program, which allowed kids effected by kidney disease to attend an overnight camp in Northern Arizona equipped to meet their special medical needs. We are asking each child (with help from their families) to join us in fundraising by securing sponsorships, event tickets, program ads, and donations to raise \$2,000. The performer who raises the most will be recognized at the event, but the fundraising totals will not play a role in deciding the overall talent winner.

## **What awards can the performers win?**

Along with the recognition for the performer who raises the most funds to help send kids living with kidney disease to a special summer camp, the overall talent winner of the showcase will be awarded a special trophy as well as a Viacom experience with the VP of Talent catered to the performers' particular interests and talent category.

## **How will children of different talent categories be judged against each other?**

Our panel of judges will be evaluating the children in four separate categories including: Talent, creativity, showmanship and props/costuming. The talent points count for double. In addition, our panel of judges have years of experience in a wide variety of in a wide variety of performance arts.

## **What will my child need to provide the day of the event?**

The National Kidney Foundation of Arizona will provide the microphone, sound equipment, and stool on the stage. If a piano is necessary to the act, please notify staff in advance. Please provide any props, instruments, costumes or other accompaniments that your child will need for their performance. Music needs to be provided on a flash drive or cd that only contains that edited file.