

SLFs Got Talent! Contest

SLFs Got Talent! is AALC's version of *America's Got Talent*. We know there is plenty of talent among our residents and that they are itching to perform it. We have set up a talent show where SLF residents around the state will perform their acts and submit them to AALC. SLFs will first hold their own local talent show by January 27, 2012, and select their best act. AALC will select the best 25 of the acts submitted and put them on a website where SLF residents can vote online for the act they like best. This popular vote by residents will be used to help select the Top Ten acts. The Top Ten acts will compete live before judges in Springfield on April 30th, 2012.

Here is how it will work:

Eligibility Requirements and Rules...

- 1.** Eligibility requirements: Resident must currently reside in an Illinois Supportive Living Community and be an amateur performer (has never held a performance/recording contract).
- 2.** Acts accepted will be:
 - Singers: solo or groups* (you must provide an accompaniment CD or pianist-a cappella singing will be accepted)
 - Musicians: solo or groups
 - Dancers: solo or groups*
 - Acting: solo or group*
 - Magicians/Gymnasts/Juggling/Comedy
 - Other acts with prior approval from AALC
- 3.** *Groups can be no larger than 8 members and all of the group members must reside at the same Supportive Living Community (larger groups require prior approval from AALC).
- 4.** Actual performances must be no longer than 5 minutes in length.
- 5.** With the assistance from the staff/volunteers, all acts must be able to set up and tear down within a 10 minute time allowance at the state competition.
- 6.** The use of batons, pyrotechnics, dangerous equipment or live animals is prohibited.
- 7.** Vocal contestants may use a recorded accompaniment track with vocal background, but there shall be no lead or dominant vocals on the track.
- 8.** Contestants are responsible for their own props and costumes.
- 9.** Each state qualifier must complete a registration form (i.e. if the act has 4 persons, then 4 registration forms shall be submitted).

- 10.** Each state qualifier must be available and physically able to perform their act at the state competition at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield IL on **Monday, April 30, 2012.**
- 11.** Judging will be based on: personality, presentation, sound quality, ability, stage appearance and audience response.

Competing at the local level(SLF)...

- 12.** As staff of the SLF, it will be your responsibility to promote and encourage your residents to participate. This should be exciting and rewarding...so promote fun!!
- 13.** This event should be used to promote your facility, highlight your resident's talents, as well as an activity for all residents. It is recommended that you contact the local media in your areas for your event. AALC will be available to assist with your media promotion through the use of Me Communications.
- 14.** Each of your residents should be encouraged to "pick their act", rehearse their act, and perform their act locally within your community.
- 15.** It is recommended that you host a "SLFs Got Talent!" show at your local facility by **January 27, 2012.**
- 16.** The purpose of your local event is to pick your 1st place qualifier. The qualifier will then be entered into a state level competition.
- 17.** Since recognition is so vitally important to our Residents, it is recommended that awards/ribbons be given to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners and all participants be given a certificate by the SLF.

Video Level State Competition...

- 18.** Each Supportive Living Facility may only enter one act into the "Video Level" State Competition (this act should be your 1st place qualifier from your local "SLFs Got Talent!" show).
- 19.** Following your local event and your selection of your 1st place qualifier, a video of the 1st place qualifier's act should be taped or obtained.
- 20.** The length of your video must be a **maximum of five minutes**. No part of your SLF's name, town, and logo shall be included in the video footage.
- 21.** In addition, your 1st place qualifier (more than one in the case of a group) will need to fill out the registration form. **See attached registration form.**
- 22.** Submit the 1st place qualifier's video of the act to the contest website at: **<http://slf.strutta.com>** between **Monday, January 2, 2012 and Friday, January 27, 2012 (Entries must be uploaded from a computer or YouTube**

Account). If you need assistance uploading your video, contact **Brian N. Minton at 815-935-1992 x-235 or brian.minton@bma-mgmt.com**.

- 23.** Once all of the videos and registration forms are submitted, a video gallery will be made of the top 25 competitors selected by a panel of AALC judges not affiliated with any SLFs. This gallery will be available for online voting by SLF residents at <http://slf.strutta.com>.
- 24.** To view the video gallery, residents can go to <http://slf.strutta.com> between **March 1 and March 30, 2012**, and vote for their favorite act. It is highly recommended that the viewing and voting of the video gallery be a shared experience with your residents.
- 25.** Each SLF resident will be able to vote for their favorite act within the video gallery. **In order to vote, the resident must provide a valid email address. One vote per person.**
- 26.** The popular vote from SLF residents will count for 50% of the overall vote for the State Competition Top Ten. The other 50% of the overall vote will be done by the AALC non-SLF affiliated panel of judges to consider the various sizes of SLF buildings in the contest.

State Competition Top Ten!!....

- 27.** The Top Ten acts, with the most votes from the “Video Level State Competition”, will advance to a final competition held live at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield IL on **April 30, 2012**.
- 28.** If your act consists of using a non transferable prop or instrument, such as a piano, contact Wayne Smallwood at AALC to make arrangements.
- 29.** Top Ten winners will be notified by **April 6, 2012** that they won and what logistics are for the Top Ten competition in Springfield on April 30th.
- 30.** Hotel accommodations will be provided for the Top Ten winners.
- 31.** 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes will be awarded at a luncheon held at the hotel on **May 1, 2012**.
- 32.** The panel of judges for the Top Ten will consist of staff from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (Sharon Woods, Kara Helton, Rob Lewis).