



Season 10 Application

Contests and Programs

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This application is for "TEEN IDOL", a program produced by Dark Wing Productions ©2016 and formerly recognized as "Portland Teen Idol" and "Beaverton Teen Idol". This application is to be used to compete, volunteer or participate in most programs in 2016. Judging, All-Star Competition and Alumni Association application is a different form.

Open Contests (English closes on April 17th), Rest close on May 30th.

Singing: English Spanish Russian Standup All-Star competition uses different application

Contests: Must speak and understand the language you are competing in. Top 15 English Singers and Winners of other contests go on summer tour. Top 3 of English and winner of others have cash prizes after summer tour ends. If you sign up for multiple contests with tours, you will be required to decide which program to pursue down the road.

Open Programs: Teen Leadership Council Volunteer Program (Teens)

Programs: Volunteering requires 30 minute or more commitment. Teen Leadership Council requires 3.5 grade point average and must be a Junior or Senior in High School – no home schooled or early graduates in 2016. You can volunteer, be on the TLC and compete all at the same time if you qualify.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME AND COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION CLEARLY (* indicates required)

*Full name on your birth certificate or state issued ID: _____

*Address *City *Zip Code

*Date of Birth *School name (include Middle or High School) Circle: 7 8 9 10 11 12
*Grade in school

*Email Address *Phone Alt Phone

*How did you hear about Teen Idol this season? If a friend, put their name, they may be eligible for referral bonuses. If a sign please tell us where you saw the sign (ex Westview HS) or if online where you found it on (ie. Facebook)

Do you have an agent? Yes No Have you been on TV or in a movie before? Yes No

Guardian / Parent Info – Required for all contestants (even if 18)

*Guardian/Parent name *Phone # *Email address

Seniors: Are you interested in volunteering if not selected to continue with the competition? Yes No

*If you become a finalist in a program, do you understand that there's a summer tour and appearances where you will be expected to perform, speak or appear? Yes

Are you willing to promote Teen Idol and the program(s) you are participating positively and frequently to help ensure the quality, exposure and funding ability of the program is maintained for future students as required? Yes

Teen Idol Season 10 Liability Release, Waiver and Transportation Agreement

I, the undersigned, hereby understand that participating in the Teen Idol program that it is a physical activity and although extremely unlikely, acknowledge the remote possibility that an accident may occur that may result in injury. Nevertheless, I hereby assume these risks of participating in the Teen Idol program.

I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for personal injury, disability, death or property damage or theft of any kind which may hereafter accrue to myself as a result of my participation. This release is expressly intended to discharge in advance Dark Wing Productions and all Teen Idol employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with participation. This waiver and release shall apply to my heirs, executors or administrators if acting on my behalf and persists into future year's participation until cancelled or replaced.

NO MEDICAL INSURANCE IS PROVIDED for activities I am engaged in and as such, understand that any services will be covered by my personal insurance or paid for by me. I consent to emergency treatment should the need arise and I am not able to speak for myself or my emergency contact cannot be reached to object or make arrangements. I understand that staff or volunteers will contact my family or emergency contacts as soon as possible if admitted without their consent.

The Teen Idol program is produced by Dark Wing Productions and as such I agree that I understand that information that I or my friends or family may be privy to or have access to, may be sensitive, confidential or considered valuable by the program. I agree to not share information obtained as being part of the program, including accounts of conversations, gossip, name of vendors, sponsors, supporters or volunteers etc and will not use information I have available to me, for personal gain or to help others – either individuals, nonprofits or companies - benefit from what I learn or have access to without written approval.

My parent(s) and or Guardian and I are fully aware that like all competitions, there must always be a ranked placement at the time of the Finale for my category. Because only 1 can win, I understand that there is a possibility that I may place in the finalist team but may not be the selected winner. Nonetheless, I agree to be professional, positive and understanding, and will go on tour representing myself, my school, the city and the Teen Idol program positively and productively.

Any disagreement that I or my parent(s) may have about any element of the program, contests or tour, will be addressed privately with the management team and agree to accept whatever decision was made. I realize that being negative, slandering a person or the program, make fun of or complain about the program or anyone in it including other contestants, or allowing or instigating others to do the same regarding a decision, placement or a disappointment of any kind, that it likely will have a negative impact on the other contestants, including past and future students.

Although legal in Oregon or Washington and elsewhere I may perform with the program that non-prescription drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, chew and all related intoxicants reserved for 18 and over adults, are not permitted at any official Teen Idol event without authorization and good reason.

I also understand that participating in the Teen Idol program may require travel outside of the immediate Portland Oregon metro area including areas of Washington, elsewhere in Oregon and if necessary, other US State or Territory for concerts, events, activities and support of my career or participation.

I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for personal injury, disability, death or property damage or theft of any kind which may hereafter accrue to myself as a result in being in any accident while in transit to or from any activity by staff, volunteers, other students, sponsors. This release is expressly intended to discharge in advance Dark Wing Productions and Teen Idol employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with participation or transportation to any activity. This doesn't waive your right to pursue non-related transportation companies such as bus lines, railway, taxi service, limo service, airlines or equipment/vehicle/transportation rental companies.

Name of participant

Signature of participant

Date signed

FOR THE GUARDIAN / PARENT (if under 18 as of the date of this application):

As legal parent or guardian of participant/volunteer, I agree to allow my child to participate in the Teen Idol program and agree to hold Dark Wing Productions or its subsidiaries, partners, vendors and affiliates harmless as described above.

Full name of parent

Signature of Parent

Date signed

Teen Idol Season 10 Code of Conduct and Responsibility Confirmation

I am aware that this program is being provided to me and other students through the generosity of Dark Wing Productions, its producer Dennis Gleason, the Dark Wing Foundation membership, sponsors, various government and nonprofit partners and community members. By applying to participate in one or more program, I want to take advantage of the opportunity(s) that are available to me for FREE because of these people and organizations.

Similar to the expectations at school, I agree to take full and sole responsibility for my actions and inactions as it relates to the programs I participate in. As there is often limited space or by the design of the programs, an intentional dismissal of students such as being cut from a competition round, failing to fulfill my obligations or remain eligible or follow whatever rules are in place based on the program I am in, I understand there is a possibility that I may not be able to/continue to participate, compete, join or attend program(s) or competitions for which I am applying for or wanting to participate in.

As such, I will keep a positive outlook and will understand that a cut or termination that is beyond my control may occur. If I or a parent, friend or family member disagree with said action, that I may privately ask the producers for the reason, if I don't know it already but will accept their decision regardless of my agreement of it and remain positive the best light I can.

In the event that there is what appears to be an action that you don't agree with and there is no reasonable explanation and that action was potentially inappropriate, I or my parent/guardian on my behalf, will privately seek answers from the senior staff – either the competition director, program director, a Dark Wing Foundation board member or Mr. Gleason himself to either clear up any misunderstanding or to get resolution.

As a nonprofit community benefiting organization, I understand that there is no financial gain by any member of the organization, outside of paid employment, stipends or contract payments, and as such agree to hold the foundation and all of its parts, volunteers and staff harmless which includes not seeking financial compensation, making negative comments or allowing or participating in public defamation of the programs or anyone involved with it. I do reserve the right to pursue enforcement of any laws if there was a criminal act that caused physical harm in an illegal manner.

RESPONSIBILITY CONFIRMATION

My parent(s)/Guardian(s) understand that we have responsibilities as part of my participation in a program whether it is a competition, volunteer activity, promotional campaign, board, committee, internship etc. These include:

Publically comment positively about the organization, the program(s) I am in, the people helping to make me successful or allowing me to gain experience that may directly benefit my future and that by being positive, helps future students both directly and indirectly, bolsters the value and perception of the organization and enables those that work hard for me, to be reasonably compensated for the many hours of work they do including be reimbursed for items or resources they expend on my behalf.

I know it is my responsibility to ask questions when necessary and not just wait for someone to come to me, especially time sensitive situations. I know it is important for the entire team, event or program that I am on time, prepared and ready at the designated times, dates and locations and will not rely on anyone from the program to remind me.

I take full responsibility from the actions or inactions that may cause difficulty for others and will do my best to work hard, offer help when I can, accept it when offered and will treat others with dignity and respect, just as I want to be treated. This includes paying attention to instructions, staying focused when in training or being spoken to and following through with commitments.

Name of participant

Signature of participant

Date signed

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Full name of parent

Signature of Parent

Date signed

Season 10 Teen Idol 2016

***Qualifications 2016-17 Season 10 - Includes all Teen Idol chapters,
State wide Teen Idol program, boards, teams, programs & committees.***

Must be

- a **US citizen** and legal permanent resident of the US and within 35 miles of Portland, Oregon if participating in a tour based competition. Some programs may not be available to Washington Residents in 2016 due to funding and resource constraints. Producers and Directors can consider exceptions.
- be at least 13 but no older than 19 as of the dates your program determines – see TeenIdol.org
- currently enrolled in school **grades 7 thru 12** (private or public) or if home schooled, 18 or under.
- if already graduated, must be 18 or under as of April 17th 2016 for competitions*
- able to speak and sing in which ever language you are competing or participating in.

Contestants Must NOT be (does not apply to Volunteers or Leadership Team Participants)

- a former finalist or winner of Teen Idol or winner of Beaverton Teen Idol.
- an immediate family member, intern or employee of Dark Wing Productions.
- be a professional vocal artist or comic. If you have a recording contract, published an album or comedy DVD that is available for sale in retail stores or online (outside of iTunes or minor service), make a living performing or have been a vocal member of a band or group that has a publicly sold an album or has/had a recording contract you may not be eligible. The program is for students needing training, development and support, those that may not have access, knowledge or funding to do so within their current means. Contact us by messenger on Facebook through our Facebook Page to be sure.

All participants, volunteers and students Must agree to

- **be willing to travel to the Portland area**, including Southwest WA if needed for competitions, performances, appearances, activities and educational opportunities, meetings, press conferences etc – some Teen Idol transportation options may be available outside of the competition rounds.
- be available for Sunday performances, classes or meetings on occasion if necessary.
- have or create a Facebook account to allow me to connect with my director(s), producer(s) and team.
- keep your social profiles updated about your progress, upcoming events and Teen Idol performances to engage public and family participation throughout your season.
- update Dark Wing Productions / Teen Idol if you move, change numbers, email or schools (including graduation) during the season – Message our Facebook page when changes are needed.
- not copy or share information that may be considered private or proprietary about this program to anyone.
- perform or host no less than 4 times during the tour (8 for winner) (**applies to contests only**).
- be available for photo shoots, commercials, television appearances and other performances.
- learn to sing the National Anthem and perform in public if English singer. All other contestants and participants will be expected to learn it, but may not be required to perform it in public, but may be tested (does not apply to volunteers)
- act with integrity and respect to all other contestants, student participants, staff, volunteers, sponsors, city personnel and the public when attending or performing at any official Teen Idol event or activity.
- motivate and inspire others to participate, learn, grow and thrive.
- share positive experiences and help recruit students for programs when it's appropriate or when I am asked to do so.

Other Rules and information

- You can apply for as many competitions that you qualify for. Only if you are selected to be a Semi-Finalist or Finalist must you decide which **ONE** contest you will pursue.
- Dark Wing Productions, its staff and National Teen Idol or subsidiary division reserves the right to disqualify any applicant for any reason, especially those found to be untruthful or by their actions or that of their parents/guardian, causes a disruption to the program or is rude or inappropriate.
- The producer or program management has the right to make changes or adjustments to the competition(s) or programs at any time without notice at their sole discretion including the decision to terminate or not terminate and to include or exclude students or to postpone or cancel a competition or program.
- Videos or photos taken at an audition or competition are intellectual property of Dark Wing Productions. If you wish to use them to post on to sites like Facebook or Instagram (a Facebook platform), tag them **#TeenIdol**
- Pictures of staff, non-performing individuals or other contestants should not be posted without their permission. Pictures and video taken at a concert where the venue does not limit photography like the parks or Oregon State Fair, are your property to post as you would like but we ask that you tag us with **#TeenIdol** and never post pictures or videos that are considered to be embarrassing or designed to make fun of others.
- The information requested on this application is necessary to ensure that the program we produce is as professional, complete and equitable as possible and complies with state reporting requirements.
- We will not share your personal information with any other company or reporting agency without your expressed permission except where required by the program's design or by legal request.
- If you become a finalist in any program and do not fulfill your obligations, you may forfeit your title and all benefits thereof and will not be allowed to compete again including the All-Stars competitions. Volunteer and other program applications will be considered on a case by case basis depending on the reason for forfeiture.
- Former Semi-Finalists and Beaverton or Hillsboro Teen Idol Finalists **don't have to audition/re-audition** but re-registration and new application is required to compete in the current season. Applications and waivers persist indefinitely or until replaced with more current agreements.
- Hillsboro Teen Idol program is not associated with Teen Idol, but we do make allowances for students with proven experience. Beaverton Teen Idol was acquired in 2015 and is now Teen Idol; Beaverton.
- Incentives may be available for those that refer hard to fill spots. Recruiting Spanish, Russian and Standup contestants pay a \$5 per person incentive to the referring person – requires the contestant to put that person down as referrer in the "How you heard about Teen Idol" question.
- Volunteer positions are available that range from 30 minutes to unlimited and may include at home online support, phone calls, emails, messaging, posting videos or photos and can include management positions, potential internships.
- There is no age restrictions for volunteers, supporters or helpers of the program but teens must complete and turn in this application and students under 13 must also have their parent/guardian turn in an application at the same time as they will be required to be with you on all onsite assignments. Parents of current or previous year finalists (2011 forward) who have signed applications or agreements for their children, are still covered under the parental consent from that season.

Teen Idol Season 10 Other Information

Upon registration online at TeenIdol.org, you can audition via video submission or go to any audition location. We film the auditions and a judge(s) may review afterwards for non-English competitions. Notices will be posted on our Facebook Fan page and updated on TeenIdol.org under Calendar – LIKE our page [Teen Idol](#) to get the most updated information.

Cameras **are allowed** in non-flash mode during your actual audition at designated locations. Any photos or videos taken during the auditions should be tagged with “#TeenIdol” or “@MyTeenIdol” for Twitter. Flash photos and lighting is never allowed during auditions or performances as it may distract the student, judges or negatively impact video recording.

English, Spanish & Russian singing auditions are for 45-90 seconds acapella and you can select any appropriate song you wish (no swearing or inappropriate language). **Comic routines** must be 3 - 5 minutes. Leadership students require interviews with program director or producer to be considered and is based space available.

Bring your student/state ID or birth certificate with you. Students under 18 can bring 1 friend/family member into the audition room with you. Be 100% camera ready when you arrive as you will not have time once your name is called. Teen Leadership Council applicant should bring their latest report card reflecting their 3.5 GPA to their interview.

About the Teen Idol program

Teen Idol program, formerly owned by the City of Portland was acquired by Dark Wing Productions in 2011. DWP is a Beaverton area production company that provides entertainment and media solutions working heavily with non-profits, youth, arts and minority related organizations. We partner with Celebrity Makeup Artist & Hair Stylist M'chel Bauxal and her team of artists and stylists at the English Finale. M'chel is a well-known artist that has worked with the Obamas, Henry Winkler, Lou Ferrigno, Dakota Fanning and many others and has worked on programs like Leverage, Grimm and Portlandia.

As a finalist in any competition, you will get experience, training, titles and performing rights like in the past plus we are working to provide finalists activities to participate in and volunteer opportunities as part of our new Teen Idol Volunteers program.

The purpose of this program is to help develop teen's talents, provide unique educational opportunities, and help them see their own potential through industry like experiences, performances and mentoring. Having the students perform publically and possibly on television is similar to how the biz really works. Expanding the teens' network and creating a viable system of contacts may help in future employment and provide real world experience that will assist them in any pursuit, even outside the entertainment industry such as job interviews and support our communities at the same time.

It is possible that your activities related to the Teen Idol program may be recorded for potential television, video or online replay just like any other reality based program. As such you and your parent/guardian agree, to allow video footage, photographs, recordings and other such media to collected and used for that purpose and must understand that your name, picture, likeness and comments may be used for press releases, documents, books, magazine articles, emails or social network postings and blogs and will appear only on appropriate or approved websites. There is no assumption of privacy during auditions, competitions, performances or any official activities.

Our program is now nonprofit with a pending 501(c)(3) filing under the Dark Wing Foundation. Items and cash donations may be tax deductible to the extent of the value of the donation. Sponsor and advertising income, product or performance contracts are considered donations and may be tax deductible. Contacts, sales and agreements with Dark Wing Productions, are taxable.

As one of the most comprehensive and inclusive teen programs in the Portland metro area and expanding each year, we are excited to say that we have had thousands of students in our program over the years and particularly proud to see 2011 3rd runner up **Lovey James** in the top 24 of American Idol in 2015; 2009 Runner up **Aubrey Cleland** make 11th Place on American Idol in 2013, 2009 2nd runner up **Madison Shanley** made top 88 in 2012. 2007 winner **Jordan Thompson** also made top 25 of Nashville Star. Considering that many of the Portland area teens that have made it high in national competition were former Teen Idol finalists, we have to believe that our program works and that the experience gained is priceless.

Get or stay involved. We have students and staff from 2007 that still help with the program today. Student or adults, everyone and anyone can make a difference. Ask a staff member or volunteer how you can help no matter what else you participate in.