

# Teen Idol 2015 – Season 9

All pages need to be completed, signed and turned in at the time of your audition.  
**Qualifications 2015-16 Season 9 - Includes Portland and Beaverton Teen Idol.**

## Must be

- a **US citizen** and legal permanent resident of the US and within 35 miles of Portland\*  
 \*over 35 miles makes it difficult in being on time for call times. Producers can make exceptions.
- between **13 to 19 years old as of April 15th, 2015** (see below for early graduates) AND
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
- able to speak and sing in which ever language you are competing in.

## Must NOT be

- a finalist or winner of a national competition like American Idol®, X-Factor®, America's Got Talent®, Sing-Off.  
 If you are one of these, we would love to discuss helping with the program.
- a former finalist or winner of Portland Teen Idol (Winners of other contests must agree to terms)
- an immediate family member, intern or employee of Dark Wing Productions.
- pregnant or plan to become pregnant prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for liability reasons
- 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, or perform publically often outside of church or school activities 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 at [Eligibility@TeenIdol.org](mailto:Eligibility@TeenIdol.org) to be sure.

## Must agree to

- **be willing to travel to the Portland area**, including Southwest WA if needed for competitions, performances, appearances, activities and educational opportunities – some Teen Idol transportation options may be available outside of the competition rounds.
- be available for Sunday performances on occasion if necessary.
- Have or create a Facebook account if you make the semi-finals to allow you to connect with your talent supervisor and director(s) & Producer(s) and keep it updated about your progress, upcoming events and PTI 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 – Email to [TeenIdolChange@TeenIdol.org](mailto:TeenIdolChange@TeenIdol.org) with your full name in the subject.
- 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 summer (8 for winner) including live, on television.
- be available for photo shoots, commercials, television appearances and other performances.
- learn to sing the U.S. National Anthem well enough to perform in public. Spanish and Russian contestants will be expected to learn their families' country of origin's national anthem in addition to the US. Standup Comics will need to learn it and be able to sing it, but will not be required to do so in public.
- Act with integrity and respect to your other contestants, other student participants, staff, volunteers, sponsors, city personnel and the public when attending or performing at any official Teen Idol event.

## Other Rules

- 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 and 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) at any time without notice at their sole discretion including the decision to terminate or not terminate and to include or exclude students.
- 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, you are required to tag them #TeenIdol
- Pictures of staff, non-performing individuals or other contestants should confer with individuals prior to posting. 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 #Teen Idol.
- 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. Beaverton School District students eligible for Beaverton Teen Idol, now that it is part of our organization, will no longer have your information shared with the city.
- If you become a finalist in any program and do not fulfill your obligations as noted above, you will forfeit your title and all benefits thereof including removal from websites and will not be allowed to compete again. Volunteer applications will be considered on a case by case basis depending on the reason for forfeiture.
- Former Semi-Finalists **do not have to re-audition** but re-registration is required to get a Season 9 contestant number and to compete in the current season. Applications and waivers persist over time.
- Finalists of Beaverton Teen Idol or Hillsboro Teen Idol\* who did not place as finalists in Portland Teen Idol are eligible to compete and may skip auditioning as well as long as they also apply online and fill out a season 9 application. \*Note Hillsboro program is not associated with Teen Idol (Portland or Beaverton) but we do make allowances for students with proven experience.
- Winners of Hillsboro\*\* or former Beaverton Teen Idol may volunteer and have opportunity to perform during our summer tour. \*\*Hillsboro winners should confirm with their program director before going on tour with our program. Former Beaverton Teen Idol winners will be integrated into Teen Idol's legacy, eligible for any benefit normally afforded to the program.
- Beaverton Teen Idol finalists from 2013 & 2014 will become eligible for performing with the 2015 Season 3 Beaverton Teen Idol tour if such a tour is created for the program. Top scoring students from 2015 will be entered into the larger Teen Idol parent program at the Semi-Final level. The winner of Beaverton Teen Idol will not be allowed to compete at the Teen Idol level, but will be required to perform at least 4 times during the summer tour.

# Teen Idol Season 9 Official Contestant Application

(Must be turned in at your audition)

This application is for "TEEN IDOL", a program produced by Dark Wing Productions ©2015 and formerly recognized as "Portland Teen Idol" or "Beaverton Teen Idol". Both are operated by the Dark Wing Foundation as a nonprofit program of the T.E.E.N Network called National Teen Idol. Beaverton School applicants applying for Teen Idol will do so for the 1 Portland Area Regional program in 2015. In future years, Beaverton, and others, will hold audition through winner competitions that will then roll up to the new state wide Teen Idol program.

## CONTESTANT INFORMATION: (please print clearly)

Which contest(s) are you applying for? Singing in: **English, Spanish or Russian and/or Stand-up Comedy?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **If you select more than one and do well, you will be notified of when you have to choose one or the other.**

Are you a 2011 thru 2014 Portland Teen Idol Semi-Finalist?  Yes  No  Don't Know

Full name on your birth certificate or state issued ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name: (leave blank if same as above): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address

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Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Date of Birth	School name – Include Middle or High School	Circle: 7 8 9 10 11 12 Grade in school
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Email Address (required)	Phone	Alt Phone
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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 over 18)

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Guardian/Parent name	Relationship	Phone	# Email address
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(Note: Parent/Guardian info is required for all students even if 18 or 19 years old).

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

If you become a finalist, do you understand that there's a summer tour and are expected to perform at least 4 times and must promote the program and performances through the summer?  Yes  No

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Name of participant	Signature	Date
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Guardian/Parent name	Signature	Date
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## **Teen Idol Season 9 Transportation Waiver**

I, the undersigned, hereby understand that participating in the Teen Idol program may require travel outside of the immediate Portland Oregon metro area such as Salem for the state fair and Vancouver Washington, the coast and other locations for concerts, events, activities and support of my career.

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 caused while in transit to or from any activity. This release is expressly intended to discharge in advance Dark Wing Productions, Dark Wing Foundation, T.E.E.N Network, National Teen Idol, City of Portland, Portland Parks and Recreation and City of Beaverton, their 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 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 however, **insurance will be provided to all occupants in any vehicle used to transport me to and or from activities or events and covered as such.** This coverage applies to transportation incidents only, not accidents, loss, or injury caused outside of a motor vehicle.

Activities covered by this waiver include all performances, group or official Teen Idol sanctioned events, concerts, hiking, camping, swimming, walking, spectator in events or activities, mentoring, one on one coaching or program related work, or any time Teen Idol staff or volunteers transport me to or from any destination as a function of supporting me as a Teen Idol finalist, even if the activity may not be official in nature.

This also covers emergency transportation by volunteers or staff that have not been fully background checked for one on one support but is believed by the program and student(s) to be safe and reliable (usually a parent or key staff / volunteer).

Any disagreement that I or my parent(s) may have about any element of the program, contests or tour or incident or believed incident while being transported by a volunteer or staff member, will be addressed privately with the management team prior to any other action or complaint. Avoidance of this process may prevent remedies outside of our capability.

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.

I agree to be mature, appropriate and understanding when faced with elements or decisions I may not agree with and will discuss it with my management team privately and not gossip, spread rumors or speak poorly about the program that has put a lot of time, resources and money to benefit me and other students.

I will not remove, replicate, destroy or change property owned by Dark Wing Productions or others and may be liable for the cost of replacement or repair and understand DWP or the property owner may take legal recourse against me to recover property that I do not or cannot replace or damage caused by information shared. This document also serves as a privacy and confidentiality agreement which includes not repeating or discussing publically, complications, issues, delays or other potentially negative events that may cause damage to the value of the program and more importantly, may negatively impact the students that participate in it.

Name of participant	Signature	Date
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**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.

Guardian/Parent Printed	Signature	Date
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## Teen Idol Season 9 Audition Information

Upon registration online, you can go to any audition date, time or location and don't need to make an appointment or ask. This includes Spanish, Russian and Standup contestants, we film the audition and a judge will review afterwards. It is recommended that you go to the first ones you feel comfortable at as mid April dates fill up. Notices will be posted on our Facebook Fan page and updated on TeenIdol.org under Calendar – LIKE our page for the [Teen Idol](#) to get the most updated information. Audition order is determined by pre-registered vs. walk-ups and then by check-in time. Getting to auditions early is recommended. All students must be present to hold place in line.

Cameras **are allowed** including non-flash during your actual audition but not at designated locations. Any photos or videos taken during the auditions should be tagged with “#TeenIdol”. Flash photos and lighting is never allowed during auditions or during performances to prevent distracting the student, judges or negatively impact the 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.

**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.

### About the Teen Idol program – Season 9 (2015-16)

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 a 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 *Dark Wing Volunteers*

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 Portland 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 be collected and used for that purpose. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up **Lovey James** in the top 24 of American Idol in February 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 PTI 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.