

Singer Songwriter Competition

Eligibility

- Age Requirement: All contestants must be between 14 and 18 years of age at the time of entry.
- Residency: Open to legal residents of the United States. International entries are not eligible currently.
- Travel Requirement: All finalists must be willing and able to travel to Fort Worth, TX (at their own or sponsor's expense) for album recording sessions and performance if selected.
- Originality: All songs submitted must be 100% original, written or co-written by the contestant. No covers or plagiarized material will be accepted.
- Group Acts: Duos and groups are allowed, but only original members listed at the time of entry can participate in recording if selected.

Submission Guidelines

- Entry Period: Submissions will be open August 20th to October 24th, 2025. Late submissions will not be considered.
- How to Submit:
 - a. Submit 1–2 original songs in MP3 or WAV format to 4allstudios@ymcafw.org. A Dropbox link will be provided at request.
 - b. Include typed lyrics for each song.
 - c. Provide a brief artist bio and contact information for student, parent, and/or teacher.
 - d. Optional: Link to performance video or social media.
- Genre: Open to all genres; however, submissions must include vocal and lyrical components.
- Language: Submissions must be primarily in English or include an English translation if multilingual.
- Submission Limit: One entry per person/group.

Judging Criteria

- Songwriting (40%) – originality, structure, and lyrical strength
- Vocal Performance (30%) – tone, control, and expression
- Musicality (20%) – melody, arrangement, and overall appeal
- Marketability (10%) – audience potential and genre fit

Selection & Prizes

- Finalists: A panel of industry professionals will select up to 3 finalists to perform live at the Fort Worth Singer/Songwriter Festival on November 6th.
- Winners:
 - a. 1st Place –
 - i. Record their original song and/or EP (up to 3 songs) at 4ALL Studios. 20 hours of Studio time will be allotted.
 - ii. Be featured on a compilation album and promotional campaign.
 - iii. Receive songwriting and performance mentorship.
 - iv. Perform live at Singer/Songwriter Festival.
 - b. 2nd Place –
 - i. Record original song at 4ALL Studios. 6 hours of Studio time will be allotted.
 - ii. Receive songwriting and performance mentorship.
 - iii. Perform live at Singer/Songwriter Festival.
 - c. 3rd Place –
 - i. Receive songwriting and performance mentorship.
 - ii. Perform live at Singer/Songwriter Festival.

****Winners will be chosen based on live performance at festival.****

- Travel & Lodging: Travel and accommodations (if applicable) to Fort Worth, TX are the responsibility of the winners unless otherwise stated.

Additional Information

1. Ownership: Artists retain full rights to their work, but winners will grant limited use rights for promotional and recording purposes.
2. Behavior: Professional conduct is expected at all stages. Regular 4All Studios Terms and Conditions apply. The competition reserves the right to disqualify participants for misconduct or rule violations.
3. Parental Consent: Contestants under 18 must have written permission from a parent or legal guardian.
4. Media Release: By entering competition, participants agree to the use of their name, image, and music for promotional purposes.

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact

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