



LOUISIANA KIDS, INC.

AN EDUCATIONAL & ENTERTAINMENT ORGANIZATION

STATE FINALS – JUNE 08, 2024

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL GYMNAISUM
537 AVENUE D
MARRERO, LOUISIANA 70072

Dear Esteemed Members of the Louisiana Kids, Inc. Family,

As the melody of anticipation builds, we are delighted to invite you to the **State Finals on June 8th, 2024**, a day set to harmonize the beauty of music with the splendor of nature. This year, we're embracing the theme "The Beauty of Music and Nature," celebrating our 27th Anniversary.

This is our official cover letter for our State Finals 2024 competition. **Please read all information very carefully for it contains our State Final registration forms and also the information pertaining to our Louisiana Kids, Inc. Scholarship program, which is awarded to qualified entertainers on a State level of competition.** If you have any questions, please contact the State Office regarding the scholarship information.

Only those entertainers who participated in our State Finals of 2023 will be considered for any of our Scholarships, which are offered by the Louisiana Kids, Inc. organization. **All entertainers are invited to participate in our Louisiana Kids, Inc. essay contest of "What Does Louisiana Kids, Inc., Mean to Me".**

To be considered for any of our Scholarships, you must turn in to the Louisiana Kids, Inc. State Office, all community service projects which you have been involved with throughout the year of 2023 after State Finals, through 2024, along with your completed essay of "What Does Louisiana Kids, Inc. Mean To Me". All community service hours must be accompanied by a contact name and phone number for verification purposes. You must also turn in a copy of your current "Third Quarter" school report card, which should include your third semester grades. Any special awards or recognition you have received should also be sent in for consideration. All qualified members who have met the above criteria will be contacted to vote for our very special Louisiana Kids, Inc. Choice Award, which will be presented at State Finals.

The following Scholarship information is needed for Graduating Seniors that are planning to attend College or Trade School.

Louisiana Kids, Inc., Scholarship Candidate Eligibility and Qualifications Are As Follows:

1. Show performances applicant participates in throughout the year, other than Louisiana Kids, Inc.
2. Community Service performed, both through Louisiana Kids, Inc., and on your own.
3. Must have participated in State Finals prior year.
4. High School GPA - Composite ACT or SAT Score.
5. Letter of recommendation from an educator.
6. 400 to 500 Word Essay - Where do you plan to work and live after graduation, how has the Louisiana Kids, Inc. program impacted your life? **"Graduating seniors only"**
7. Extra curricular Activities & Interests.
8. Volunteer Service.
9. Honors and Achievements.
10. Employment Record, Include Summer, Part, & Full-Time Employment.

11. "Graduating seniors only"

A letter of acceptance from the College or University of your choice.

ADVISE TYPE OF COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL "An accredited two or four year college program"
"Technical College or Trade School"

12. "Graduating seniors only"

List Show performances applicant participated in throughout the year that are Louisiana Kids, Inc. sponsored. Such as Lions Club Shows, Crescent City Talent Showcase, Boo at the Zoo, EggstravagaZoo, Poche's Plantation Arts & Craft Festival, Louisiana Kids Nursing Home Shows.

Note ALL FORMS INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED TOGETHER.**

IF ALL FORMS ARE NOT RECEIVED AT THE SAME TIME, YOU WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR ANY SPECIAL AWARDS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY INFORMATION VIA ANY FORM OF ELECTRONIC MAIL. HARD COPIES MUST BE ENCLOSED WITH COMPLETED PACKAGE ONLY. MUST BE IN OFFICE NO LATER THAN Saturday April 27, 2024.

The Louisiana Kids, Inc. State Finals Award Ceremony will be strictly semi-formal to formal attire.

We are excited that you and your family will be part of our 27th Anniversary Celebration, our State Finals 2024 theme is "The Beauty of Music and Nature".

IMPORTANT DEADLINES for COMPETITION:

The Dead Line Date for State Finals Act Forms and Act Fees is Saturday April 27, 2024. Any acts received after the deadline date will be subject to late fees of \$15.00 per act. No acts will be accepted after Saturday May 4, 2024.

It is very important that everyone pre-register. "THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION DAY OF EVENT". Please contact Brittany Bergeron at (504)957-4879 or email brittneyb504@gmail.com. The deadline for pre registration will be Saturday May 25th by 6pm. If you fail to pre register there will be no refunds.

Registration will consist of the following:

1. **ONLY SEND TRACKS TO REGIONAL DIRECTOR TOM VERRET IF YOU HAVE A KEY CHANGE OR SOME OTHER CORRECTION NEEDING TO BE MADE TO YOUR TRACK FOR STATE FINALS. ONCE CONTACTING THE STATE OFFICE PLEASE SEND VIA E-MAIL louisianakids@gmail.com AND ATTACH AS A MP3 FILE ONCE YOU RECEIVE YOUR ACT NUMBER. PLEASE NAME EACH FILE USING THE ACT #, PERFORMER NAME, AND NAME OF ACT.**

2.

NOTEONLY ONE SONG PER PERFORMANCE MP3 OR TRACK**ANY TRACKS TURNED IN WITH MORE THAN ONE SONG ON TRACK WILL HAVE A ONE POINT DEDUCTION FROM THEIR FINAL SCORE. IF ANY TRACKS GO OVER THREE MINUTES AND 15 SECONDS, THERE WILL BE ONE POINT DEDUCTED FOR EVERY 15 SECONDS, OR A PORTION OF, OVER THE TIME LIMITS.**

3. Verify technical information sheet. – Pre-Registration Only
4. Verify emcee card information. – Pre-Registration Only
5. Order photos & videos. ** To protect the integrity of each act, no one will be allowed to take photos or videos during the competition. – Forms will be e-mailed prior to Event.
6. "KEEP PROPS TO A Minimum, LESS IS BEST." - Day of Event.
7. Receive Program book which will contain act sequence of performance. – Day of Event.

Program Books Information:

Program books purchased day of event will be \$10.00 each. If You have already purchased your Program book at this state event, your copy is reserved. Our Program books will contain performing act sequence and Schedule of Events, Awards to be presented, and Louisiana Kids Essays Contest “Words From The Heart”.

PROPS INFORMATION:

An act representative is responsible for placing all props for the performance on stage at State Finals. Louisiana Kids, Inc. will no longer provide stagehands to place props for acts. All solo and group acts have one minute to set up AND take off props, and all production numbers have two minutes.

All members are responsible to remove any and all stage props from the facility or it’s grounds immediately following the event. If props are part of a Studio group act, the Studio Affiliate is responsible to remove the props.

Important Reminders:

Act sequence will not change under any circumstances nor to accommodate anyone’s schedule. Once the line-up has been created, it will remain as is – no exceptions.

There will also be a limit of 4 headsets per act (including production numbers).

Updates for this years competition :

For production numbers with 10 or more participants, an act representative is now permitted in the sound booth to assist with microphone volumes and other audio needs. This ensures optimal sound quality for these complex performances. Representatives should coordinate with our technical team in advance to discuss specific requirements.

Should any issues arise with acts during the event, please direct your concerns to Chris Breaux, who will be stationed at the door. To ensure a smooth flow and immediate attention to matters, kindly refrain from approaching the event coordinator directly with these issues.

This year, in celebration of our theme, “The Beauty of Music and Nature,” we are excited to introduce a special award for an outstanding performance of a song that embodies this theme. This award seeks to recognize creativity, connection to our theme, and musical excellence. Participants are encouraged to select pieces that reflect the beauty and harmony of music and nature, showcasing their unique interpretation and artistic expression.

Branson National Showcase:

If you're interested in participating in the National Showcase in Branson, MO, from July 6th to 12th, please contact Neil Bernard at (225) 366-8802 as soon as possible. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your talent on a national stage. Don't miss out

We would like to send a special standing ovation to all of our wonderful volunteers who were so supportive with this state competition. We feel so fortunate to have your assistance as a valuable volunteer. We truly value each and every one of you. **Louisiana Kids, Inc. Executive Directors, Board Members, and Entire Staff Are All Volunteers, The Organization Has No Pay Roll What So Ever.**

We want to extend a very warm welcome to our new extended family of Louisiana Kids, Inc. We hope your experience with us proves to be rewarding for you and your family as it has been for us.

Please feel free to call the State office at 504 341 2196 or E mail us at louisianakids@aol.com should you have any questions. **Web Address:** www.louisianakids.us

Louisiana Kids, Inc., Executive Board,

Neil Bernard - President

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Louisiana Kids, Inc., Director Assistant,

Cheryl Bergeron

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Nelda Bentel, Judy Thibodeaux, Neil Bernard, Joe & Jodi Davenport, Alexa Hernandez,

Kirby Hebert, Chris & Sheila Breaux, Chris & Bree Gallo, Melinda Yelverton,

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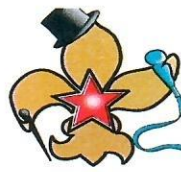
Vanessa Hippolyte Johnson

Competition Scoring/Auditor,

Allison Breaux

Competition Solo Form 2024

_____ State



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Competition Location _____ Competition Date _____ **Deadline is April 27, 2024**

*****IMPORTANT: NAME OF STUDIO IF APPLICABLE _____

Performers Name Last _____ First _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone w/Area Code _____ E-mail _____

I am already a paid 2024 member _____ or my paid membership form accompanies this entry form _____

Age Category (circle one) 3 - 5 6 - 8 9 - 11 12 - 14 15 - HS Alumni Date of Birth _____

Fees for Regional Competition

Competition Categories

First Act \$73.00

Vocal Blues, Character, Classical, Combination, Country, Gospel, Musical Theater, National Anthem, Patriotic, Popular, Serious

Subsequent Act \$63.00

Dance Ballet/Lyrical, Baton, Character, Cheerleading, Clog, Combination, Contemporary, Folkloric, Funk/Hip Hop, Jazz, Other, Tap

General Variety Instrumental, Other, Piano/Keyboard

Acting Monologue Dramatic, Monologue Comedic, Skit Dramatic, Skit Comedic, Narrative Reading, Poetic Reading, Public Speaking, Stand Up Comedy

Music Performing To	Talent Category (see above)	Fees
1		\$
2		\$
3		\$
4		\$
5		\$
All entry forms with fees are due in State Office by the posted deadline date or if mailed forms are post marked by deadline date. A \$15.00 per act late fee will be added for any act received after the deadline date. No acts will be accepted after 1 Week of the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS!	Total Due	\$
	PROGRAM BOOK ISSUED AT STATE	\$ \$5.00
	Add Late Fees, If Applicable	\$
	Grand Total	\$

For the protection of our children, Louisiana Kids, Inc. allows only our authorized video & photographer providers.

There will be a \$35.00 Charge on all returned checks.

Only a Parent or Legal Guardian must sign this form in order for your child to compete in a Louisiana Kids, Inc. Competition. This is stating that you are aware of the act and category your child will be competing in, and once this form is turned in by a Parent or Legal Guardian there will be **NO CHANGING** of act. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Signature: _____

Send form to the address at the right
A Schedule will be mailed within a week of the competition
if your entry is received by the initial deadline.



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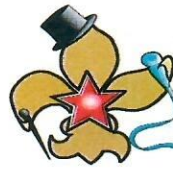
LOUISIANA KIDS
2024
COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Below are the Competition Deadlines Louisiana Kids, Inc. Competition Season
All Competition forms are due in the State Office no later than the date below or
will be subject to late fees. Please see front of form for late fees that apply.

FACILITY	CITY	DATE	DEAD LINE
State Immaculate Conception Gymnasium 537 Avenue D Marrero, LA 70072	Marrero, LA	June 8, 2024	April 27, 2024

Allison Breaux
Louisiana Kids. Inc.
Competition Coordinator

Competition Group Form 2024
_____ State



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Deadline is April 27, 2024

Competition Location _____ Competition Date _____

*****IMPORTANT: NAME OF STUDIO IF APPLICABLE _____

Group Name _____ Act Representative _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone w/Area Code _____ E-mail _____

I am already a paid 2024 member _____ or my paid membership form accompanies this entry form _____

Age Category (circle one) 3 - 5 6 - 8 9 - 11 12 - 14 15 - HS Alumni Date of Birth _____

Fees & Division for Regional Competition

Competition Major & Sub-Talent Categories

Duet / Trio 2 - 3 \$38.00 Each member

Vocal - Blues, Character, Classical, Combination, Country, Gospel, Musical Theater, National Anthem, Patriotic, Popular, Serious

Small Group 4 - 5 \$28.00 Each member

Dance - Ballet/Lyrical, Baton, Character, Cheerleading, Clog, Combination, Contemporary, Folkloric, Funk/Hip Hop, Jazz, Other, Tap

Large Group 6 - 9 \$26.00 Each member

General Variety - Instrumental, Other, Piano/Keyboard

Production 10 or more \$23.00 Each member

Acting - Monologue Dramatic, Monologue Comedic, Skit Dramatic, Skit Comedic, Narrative Reading, Poetic Reading, Public Speaking, Stand Up Comedy

Music Performing To	Talent Category	Division	# of kids	Act Fee (each)	Total Fees
1					\$
2					\$
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				PROGRAM BOOK	\$ 5.00
				Add Late Fees, If Applicable	\$
				Grand Total	\$

Must be listed in ALPHABETICAL order in the space provided below - Please list additional members on another sheet of paper if needed

1 - Full Name, Phone & Birth Date _____

2 - Full Name, Phone & Birth Date _____

3 - Full Name, Phone & Birth Date _____

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Louisiana Kids, Inc 2024 Prizes

Solo Grand Champion Awards

(Top score in each Major Talent Category)

State *

Vocal Solo	\$150.
Dance Solo	\$150.
Gen/Variety Solo	\$150.
Acting	\$150.

Group Grand Champion Awards

(Top Score in each Major Talent Category)

State *

Vocal Group	\$150.
Dance Group	\$150.
Gen/Variety Group	\$150.
Acting	\$150.

Each Champion Award also receives a trophy.

The following guidelines apply separately to Grand Champion Solo and Group Awards.

(1) Act must have received Gold with Honors (2) If any Major Talent Category has less than 20 acts or more than 15 entered the cash prize will be given at the 50% level (3) If any Major Talent Category has 9 to 14 acts entered the cash prize will be given at the 25% level. (4) If any Major Talent Category has 1 to 8 acts entered, then the cash prize will be given at the 15% level.

Sub-Talent Category Champion Awards

Top score in each of the 34 Sub-Talent Categories, Solos & Groups Combined

State Finals *

Trophy & \$100.00

Those who receive the Grand Champion Awards will not be given the Sub-Talent Category award as they will have been promoted 'up' into the Grand Champion Category.

The following guidelines apply separately to Sub-Talent Champion Solo and Group Awards.

(1) If any Sub-Talent Category has less than 20 acts or more than 10 entered the cash prize will be given at the 50% level (2) If any Sub-Talent Category has 1 to 9 acts entered the cash prize will be given at the 25% level.

Placement Awards

Platinum - (First Place in each Age and Talent Category) Red/White/Blue Ribbon

Gold with Honors - Purple Ribbon

Gold - Blue Ribbon

Silver - Red Ribbon

Bravo Award - "STATE FINALS ONLY"

Highest averaged score for performing a **Triple Threat**

The definition of a triple threat is an entertainer who performs any 3 of the 4 Major Categories and receives Gold or Gold with Honors in **ALL THREE** of the Major Talent Categories.

Description of Talent Categories "For State of Louisiana"

Major

Sub-Talent

Vocal: Character, Classical, Vocal Combination, Country, Gospel, Musical Theatre, Patriotic, Popular, Serious, National Anthem, Blues

Dance: Ballet-Lyrical, Baton, Character, Cheerleading, Clog, Dance Combination, Contemporary, Folkloric, Funk/Hip Hop, Jazz, Other, Tap.

General Variety: Instrumental, Other, and Piano / Keyboard.

Acting: Monologue Dramatic, Monologue Comedic, Skit Dramatic, Skit Comedic, Narrative Reading, Poetic Reading, Public Speaking, Stand Up Comedic

Refer to the Louisiana Kids, Inc. GUIDEBOOK for explanation of all aspects of the prizes, fees, talent categories, events, judging guidelines, act time length, performance opportunities and any other necessary information.

You may download the Guidebook from our website at www.louisianakids.us

*For Grand Champion and Sub-Talent Category winners. some additional performance opportunities may be offered as they become available.
Any State Scholarship will be awarded at the State Finals Awards Ceremony.*