



**louisianakids, inc.**  
An Educational & Entertainment Organization

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**Happy New Year to all our esteemed Louisiana Kids, Inc. members!**

As we step into 2024, we are excited about the new opportunities and experiences that await us in this thriving community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each member, parent, and grandparent for your steadfast support and commitment throughout 2023. As a proud adopted/sponsored organization of Optimist International, we share a commitment to optimism and community development. This partnership enhances our ability to nurture young talent and reinforces our dedication to positive values and community service. Your involvement is not only the backbone of our success but also a testament to the shared spirit of optimism and support that defines our community.

**Membership Renewal and Updates:**

Enclosed are the 2024 membership form and performer's contract. Regularly visiting our website <https://www.louisianakids.us> and events calendar is the best way to stay informed about all our activities and announcements.

**Introducing the Alumni Advisory Board with Marco Hebert:**

The establishment of the Alumni Advisory Board with Marco Hebert as its first member marks a significant step in integrating the wisdom and experiences of our alumni into our strategic planning and decision-making processes.

**Welcoming New Board Members - Megan Johnston and Ashley Carey Betts:**

We warmly welcome Megan Johnston and Ashley Carey Betts to the Executive Board. Their experiences and insights as alumni are invaluable to guiding our organization toward new achievements and maintaining our vibrant community spirit.

**2024 State Finals - "The Beauty of Music and Nature" Theme and Theme Song:**

Our State Finals, scheduled for June 8, 2024, at the ICS gymnasium, will celebrate the theme "The Beauty of Music and Nature." Participants are encouraged to explore and express the symbiotic relationship between music and the natural world. This year we

will be offering a special award that will be given to the Act that best embodies the theme of this year.

Our chosen theme song for the event is "Heal the World" by Michael Jackson. We are asking all participating kids to learn this song for a special group number at the State Award ceremony, symbolizing our collective message of healing and unity.

**Procedure for Addressing Issues at State Finals:**

To ensure a positive and orderly experience at the State Finals, we request that any issues be first discussed with the admissions table. These concerns will then be promptly addressed by Neil and/or Alexa.

**Exciting National Show Opportunity in Branson, Missouri:**

Following our State Finals, the National Show in Branson, Missouri, from July 6th to July 12th, offers a fantastic opportunity for our members to perform and connect on a national stage. We encourage all to participate and showcase their talents.

**Starting the Year with an Open Mic Event:**

As we begin the new year, stay updated with our Events Calendar for the upcoming Open Mic Event. It's a wonderful chance for members to perform, engage, and celebrate the joy of our shared talents and community.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

We appreciate the involvement of our members' families in various volunteer capacities, which significantly contribute to the richness and success of our events.

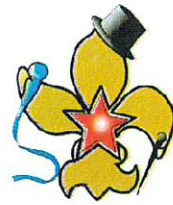
As we celebrate our 27th year, we remain committed to fostering a nurturing environment, promoting talent, and building a supportive community for all our members. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and continued support are the essence of Louisiana Kids, Inc. We eagerly anticipate a year filled with creativity, accomplishments, and memorable moments. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Warm regards,

**Louisiana Kids, Inc. Executive Board**

# 2024 Membership Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Performers Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female (Circle One)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Member? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ Studio \_\_\_\_\_

1st Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership fee of \$40.00 must be included in order to complete the membership process*

*Membership is per Calendar year Jan 1 – Dec 31*

### Additional Membership Options

\$15.00 Non Performing Sibling Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20.00 Alumni Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\$45.00 Adult Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\$75.00 Married Couple Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

By becoming a member of the Louisiana Kids, Inc. organization, you are giving us permission to use any video, photo, or any other likeness obtained with the organization for purposes of promotion, publicity, etc., with no other compensation to said member.

There will be a \$35.00 charge on all returned checks

Office Use: Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail membership form and signed Membership Agreement / Release of Liability form to:



LOUISIANA KIDS, INC.  
1132 BARBE DRIVE  
WESTWEGO, LA 70094

**LOUISIANA KIDS, INC.**

**MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT / RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I have read and understand that to be chosen to participate in Louisiana Kids, Inc. shows I will abide by the Performer Show Guidelines and by the State Office. As a member of Louisiana Kids, Inc., I gladly accept this responsibility to set a wonderful example for my family, my audiences and my God. I completely understand that if I choose not to abide by the Performers Show Guidelines I will be choosing to remove myself from the Member Show Invitation Registry. I am ready and willing to share my talented gifts in as many places I am able.

Professionalism

I understand that in order to participate with Louisiana Kids, Inc., that I, the performer, as well as my family and friends must exhibit high professional demeanor and/or attitude at performances and competitions. I understand that Professionalism is determined by the following:

- Showing up on time to performance venues as indicated on the event calendar.
- Canceling a performance includes due diligence in contacting a show producer to inform him or her of my cancellation in advance of the scheduled event.
- Working well with and respecting the Board, members and volunteers during performances and competitions.
- Presentation and behavior on and off stage during performances and competitions.
- Cooperation and helpfulness during performances and competitions.
- Good, healthy, non-prima donna attitude during performances and competitions.

**I understand that any behavior not deemed professional will be reported to the State Directors and the Louisiana Kids, Inc. Board Members for review, and such review may result in permanent dismissal from the Louisiana Kids, Inc. organization.**

Show Performance Time - Time Limit Notice All Entertainers

Performance tracks are limited to 3 minutes 15 seconds. Tracks longer in duration causes Louisiana Kids, Inc., performance time to cross over into the next venue time performance or go over our half hour/one hour performance time slots. All CDs are to be labeled with child's name, name of song, and time.

Attire

1. Clothing: I agree to abide by the dress code as described under each event listed on the event calendar.
2. Shoes/Flip Flops: The rule now stands if it has a HEEL and is decorated in sequins/rhinestones it will be permitted. Flip Flops with NO HEELS and decorated with sequins/rhinestones will NOT BE PERMITTED OR CONSIDERED as proper performance attire.

Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement

I, the performer, together with my parents and legal guardians:

- acknowledge that by entering the premises and participating in Louisiana Kids, Inc. related events that there are risks of injury, disability, death and/or loss or damage to person or property and voluntarily and knowingly assume any and all risks;
- acknowledge that there are risks of exposure, directly or indirectly, to communicable diseases including but not limited to the virus "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)", "COVID-19" and/or any mutation or variation thereof and voluntarily and knowingly assume any and all risks;
- agree to release and hold harmless Louisiana Kids, Inc., its Board Members, members and volunteers with respect to any and all communicable diseases, injury, disability, death and/or loss or damage to person or property, including if such injury or damage is due to the negligence of Louisiana Kids, Inc. representatives. Should Louisiana Kids, Inc. representatives be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold such harmless for all fees and costs.

**MEMBER NAME (Please Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_