

AN EDUCATIONAL & ENTERTAINMENT ORGANIZATION STATE FINALS – JUNE 14, 2025

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 14**, **2025**—a day filled with extraordinary talent, passion, and creativity. This year, we're embracing the theme "**This Is Me"** – **A Circus Extravaganza!**, encouraging performers to showcase their individuality and creativity in an exciting, high-energy competition.

This is our official cover letter for the **State Finals 2025** competition. Please read all information carefully, as it contains our **State Finals registration forms** and details about our **Louisiana Kids**, **Inc. Scholarship Program**, which is awarded to qualified entertainers on a state level. If you have any questions, please contact the **State Office** regarding scholarship information.

Only those entertainers who participated in our **State Finals of 2024** will be considered for any of our **Louisiana Kids, Inc. Scholarships**. Additionally, all entertainers are invited to participate in our **Louisiana Kids, Inc. essay contest**, "What **Does Louisiana Kids, Inc. Mean to Me?**"

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS To be

considered for a Louisiana Kids, Inc. Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1. **Show Performances:** List all performances participated in throughout the year, *other than* those presented through Louisiana Kids, Inc.
- 2. **Community Service:** Document community service performed both through Louisiana Kids, Inc. and independently.
- 3. **Prior Participation:** Must have participated in the State Finals during the previous year.
- 4. **Academic Record:** Provide your High School GPA along with your Composite ACT or SAT Score.
- 5. **Recommendation:** Submit a letter of recommendation from an educator.
- 6. Essay (Graduating Seniors Only): Provide a 400 to 500-word essay answering: "Where do you plan to work and live after graduation, and how has the Louisiana Kids, Inc. program impacted your life?"
 - 7. Extracurricular Activities & Interests: Detail all relevant activities and interests.
- 8. Volunteer Service: List your volunteer service contributions.
- 9. Honors and Achievements: Include any academic or extracurricular honors and recognitions.

- 10. Employment Record: Include details of summer, part-time, and full-time employment.
- 11. Letter of Acceptance (Graduating Seniors Only): Provide a letter of acceptance from the College, University, or Trade School of your choice. Please specify whether the institution is "An accredited two or four-year college program" or "Technical College or Trade School."
- 12. Louisiana Kids, Inc. Sponsored Performances (Graduating Seniors Only): List the show performances sponsored by Louisiana Kids, Inc. (e.g., Lions Club Shows, Crescent City Talent Showcase, Boo at the Zoo, EggstravagaZoo, Poche's Plantation Arts & Craft Festival, Louisiana Kids Nursing Home Shows).

All scholarship materials must be submitted together by **Saturday**, **April 26**, **2025**. Incomplete packages or materials received separately will not be considered.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES & REGISTRATION

- State Finals Act Forms & Fees: The initial deadline is May 3, 2025. Acts submitted by this date will be accepted without a late fee. Acts received after May 3, 2025, will incur a \$15 late fee per act and will be accepted until May 17, 2025. No acts will be accepted after May 17, 2025.
- Pre-Registration: Must be completed by Saturday, May 31, 2025, by 6:00 PM. Failure to preregister will result in disqualification. Contact Brittney Bergeron at (504) 957-4879 or email brittneyb504@gmail.com for details.
- Music Submission: MP3 tracks should be emailed following act number assignment. Each file must be labeled with the Act #, Performer Name, and Act Title. Only one song per track is allowed; extra songs or tracks exceeding three minutes and 15 seconds will incur point deductions.
- Program Book Sales: Available for \$10 on the day of the event.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES & UPDATES

- Stage Props: Acts are responsible for setting up and removing their own props. Solo/group acts have one minute (production numbers have two minutes) for setup and takedown.
- Sound Booth Access: For production numbers with 10 or more participants, an act representative is permitted in the sound booth to assist with audio needs. Please coordinate with our technical team in advance.
 - Microphone Limit: A maximum of 8 microphones per act will be enforced without exception.
- Special Theme Award: In celebration of our theme, a special award will be presented to the act that best embodies the spirit of "This Is Me A Circus Extravaganza!"

Louisiana Kids, Inc. Executive Board

Neil Bernard – President Alexa Hernandez – Vice President Gena Bergeron – Treasurer Brittney Millet – Secretary

Louisiana Kids, Inc. Director Assistant

Cheryl Bergeron

Regional Directors:

Tom Verret – New Orleans Connif & Tricia Boudoin – New Iberia/Lafayette

Show Producers:

Nelda Bentel, Judy Thibodeaux, Neil Bernard, Joe & Jodi Davenport, Alexa Hernandez, Kirby Hebert, Chris & Sheila Breaux, Chris & Bree Gallo, Melinda Yelverton, Vanessa LaCombe, Tina Boudreaux

Public Relations/National Spokesperson:

Vanessa Hippolyte Johnson

Competition Scoring/Auditor:

Allison Breaux

Competition Solo Form 2025

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Narrative Reading, Poetic Reading, Public Speaking, Stand Up Comedy

Competition Locat	ion				Competiti	on Date	***************************************	***************************************	Deadline is	May 3, 2025
*****IMPORTANT	: NAME (OF STUDIO	O IF APPIC	CABLE						
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Fees for Regiona	l Compe	etition			Compet	ition Catego	<u>ories</u>			
First Act	\$73.00)		Vocal			Classical, Co Patriotic, P			, Musical Theater
Subsequent Act	\$63.00			Dance				_	ading, Clog, Com Jazz, Other, Tap	bination,
,			Genera	al Variety	Instrun	Instrumental, Other, Piano/Keyboard				
				Acting	Monole	ogue Drama	atic, Monol	ogue Come	dic. Skit Dramatio	c. Skit Comedic.

Music Performing To	Talent Category (see above)	Fees
1		\$
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All entry forms with fees are due in State Office by the	Total Due	\$
posted deadline date or if mailed forms are post marked	PROGRAM BOOK ISSUED AT STATE	\$ \$5.00
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	Add Late Fees, If Applicable	\$
accepted after 1 Week of the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS!	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.



LOUISIANA KIDS 2025 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 Gymnaisum 537 Avenue D Marrero, LA 70072	Marrero, LA	June 14, 2025	May 3, 2025

Allison Breaux Louisiana Kids. Inc. Competition Coordinator

Competition Group Form 2025

if your entry is received by the initial deadline.

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WESTWEGO, LA 70094

Deadline is May 3, 2025

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Competition Location			Competit	on Date		
*****IMPORTANT: NAME OF STUE	DIO IF APPICABLE					
Group Name		Act Repre	sentative			
Address	c	ity		State	Zip	
Phone w/Area Code		E-m	ail			
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Fees & Division for Regional Co	mpetition	Compe	tition Major 8	& Sub-Talent Categor	<u>ies</u>	
Duet / Trio 2 - 3 \$38.00 Eac	h member Vo	ocal - Blues	, Character, Cl	assical, Combination,	Country, Gospel, Mus	ical
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						
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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						
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Louisiana Kids, Inc 2025 Prizes

Solo Grand Champion A	wards
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(Top score in each Major Talent Category)

State * \$150. \$150.

Gen/Variety Solo Acting

Vocal Solo

Dance Solo

Vocal Group

Dance Group

Acting

Gen/Variety Group

\$150. \$150.

Group Grand Champion Awards

(Top Score in each Major Talent Category)

<u>State</u> *
\$150.
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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, than 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 Catetories.

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.