



2023 Dakota Star presented by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union Rules

1. Contestants can be soloists, duos, or trios.
2. The talent competition will be divided into two categories (all age divisions are determined by the contestant's age on the day of the deadline).
 Adult: 18 years and over
 * The Dakota Star will come out of the adult category.
 Junior Division: 12-17 years of age
3. Three (3) finalists from each division will be selected from each night of preliminary competition. They will be invited to compete in the SD State Fair **"Dakota Star presented by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union"** finals, held Monday, September 4, 2023 at 5 PM, at the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage. Preliminaries run Friday, September 1, Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3 at 6 PM. Times are subject to change.
4. Contestants will be selected from applications submitted to the SD State Fair. Contestants advancing to the preliminary rounds will be notified by the SD State Fair Office.
5. Contestants will receive a complimentary SD State Fair gate admission pass for the day they perform. Contestants who advance to the finals will receive a complimentary gate pass for Monday, September 4.
6. Each contestant may sing one song and must provide his/her own background music on a USB flash drive. Background music cannot include main vocals. Contestants must submit their background music to the SD State Fair along with the entry form.
7. Contestants are allowed to provide their own background music, e.g. piano, guitar. Duos and trios are allowed to have one accompaniment instrument.
8. Contestants advancing to the finals must use the same song selection as performed in the preliminary competition.
9. If background music on a flash drive is not given to the SD State Fair prior to the 2023 SD State Fair but during, the SD State Fair is not responsible if the music will not play from the flash drive.
10. If you will be paid for performing at any activity or event during this year's SD State Fair, you are ineligible to compete in the Dakota Star Competition.
11. In the case of inclement weather, the contest time, date, and location are subject to change.
12. Contestants will be judged on pitch, rhythm/timing, tone/quality, uniqueness, stage presence, crowd appeal and originality. All judge's decisions are final.
13. All contestants are responsible for their own act and will sign a waiver releasing the SD State Fair and all participating sponsors of any and all liability of injury, illness and loss of property or possessions associated with promotion.
14. Prize winners, upon acceptance of the prize won, give permission to the SD State Fair and Dakotaland Federal Credit Union to use all or part of any recordings, photographs, or related materials for promotional use.
15. Previous Dakota Star winners are not eligible to compete in the same division in which they were awarded first place.
16. No participant can win the grand prize more than one time.
17. Prizes may not be transferred without permission of the SD State Fair and will not be exchanged for cash or any other prizes.
18. The SD State Fair reserves the right to make all decisions related to this contest, including the invitation of contestants, the choosing of judges and the exclusive right to make those decisions final.
19. Contestants can be soloists, duos, or trios.
20. **NEW THIS YEAR:** If the winner was born between June 2, 1994 – February 15, 2009 (per American Idol rules), the winner will be given a VIP private Executive Producer Audition for season 22 of American Idol. If runners-up are within the age range, they are eligible to receive a VIP Producer Showcase Audition. See full eligibility requirements: <https://us.castitreach.com/ag/fmna/ai7abc/eligibilityRequirements.html>

AWARDS:

Adult Category – ages 18 and over:

Grand Prize: \$1,000.00

- Title of Dakota Star
- Perform at the 2023 SD State Fair
- Emcee 2023 Dakota Star Contest

2nd Place: \$500

3rd Place: \$250

Junior – ages 12-17:

1st Place: \$ 250.00

2nd Place: \$ 100.00

3rd Place: \$ 50.00



Dakota Star presented by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union Application

Applications are due at the SD State Fair office by Friday, August 18, 2023. Along with the applications, a copy of the music on a USB flash drive that will accompany the performance must be included with the application. The music will be pre-loaded onto a computer so the contest will go smoothly. Mail application and USB flash drive to SD State Fair, Attn: Dakota Star, 1060 3rd Street SW, Huron, SD 57350. Questions can be directed to the SD State Fair office by calling 800.529.0900.

Please print legibly:

Contestant Name _____

*If performing as a group, please list all contestant names.

Group Name (if duo or trio) _____

Please list a main contact if a group _____

Age(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of the musical number you will be singing: _____

* A copy of the music that will accompany the performance must be sent in along with the application. If accompanying self, write in 'accompanying self'.

What night would you prefer to perform for the preliminary competition? _____

2nd preference _____ * Preferences cannot be guaranteed.

Have you ever performed at the SD State Fair before? Yes ____ No ____

Have you ever performed professionally or been paid to perform?

Yes ____ No ____ Professional ____ Paid/Non-Professional ____

** If you will be paid for performing at any activity or event during this year's SD State Fair, you are ineligible to compete in the Dakota Star Competition.

Have you ever participated in the Dakota Star talent competition? If yes, which division.

Yes ____ No ____ Division _____

If you have participated in the Dakota Star, did you place in your division? If yes, did you win first place?

Yes ____ No ____

My signature below verifies my understanding and agreement to abide by the rules as they are listed on the reverse side.

Contestant Signature _____

If under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Signature
