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2025 GRAND ASSEMBLY TALENT APPLICATION

Return To: Ms. Sarah Bauer, 705 E. Ave 43, Los Angeles, CA 90031

Or Submit online by Saturday, February 1, 2025

Type or print clearly and neatly with pen. (Please complete a separate application form for EACH ACT)

Assembly or District # (Include Assembly names):		City:
Name of Group or Soloist:		
Girl Representative:		Girl Rep Email:
Girl Rep Cell or Home Phone:		Adult Advisor (NOT a parent or MA):
Adult Advisor Email:		Adult Advisor Cell Phone:

Categories (select only ONE that best describes routine):

Vocal	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo - One Singer only (CD accompaniment, background vocals OK; NO live accompaniment) <input type="checkbox"/> Group - 2 or more singers (no live accompaniment)
Instrumental	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo - One Musician only (no vocal accompaniment, live or on CD) <input type="checkbox"/> Group - 2 or more Musicians (no vocal accompaniment, live or on CD)
Dance (tap, modern, jazz, ballet, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo - One Dancer only (CD accompaniment) <input type="checkbox"/> Group - 2 or more Dancers (CD accompaniment)
Precision (gymnastics, sign lang., etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo - One Performer only (CD accompaniment) <input type="checkbox"/> Group - 2 or more Performers (CD accompaniment)
Comedy/Spoken Word (dance, act, or routine)	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo - One Performer only (CD accompaniment ok) <input type="checkbox"/> Group - 2 or more Performers (CD accompaniment ok)
Variety (combination of two or more of the above categories)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comedy <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental <input type="checkbox"/> Precision (Select All That Apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Solo - One performer only (live or CD accompaniment) <input type="checkbox"/> Group - More than one performer (live or CD accompaniment)

Performance Information:

Describe routine in 1 or 2 sentences: _____

Name of song used or performed: _____

Number of girls in group act: _____ Accompaniment: none USB live _____

Participant in Past Grand Talent? If so, what year and act? _____

Important Requirements:

Please EMAIL or include a copy (with the name of the Assembly) of the words of any songs used that contain lyrics. WE MUST REVIEW ALL WORDS! Words of songs can be downloaded from various websites – search “<TITLE OF SONG> lyrics”.

All GIRL participants must also sign on the back or below saying they have read and agreed to all the rules.

I HAVE APPROVED THIS APPLICATION AND REVIEWED THE RULES WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS:

Adult's Signature: _____ M.A. Board Member

Note: The adult signing the Talent Application has agreed to review these rules with the Rainbow Girls participating in the talent competition. We wish your Act luck and much Assembly support as you prepare for Grand Assembly Talent 2025.

Participating Girl's

Signatures: _____

Rules for Grand Assembly Talent – 2025

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

- 1) Submit application to Ms. Sarah Bauer, Director of Talent, **must be postmarked by February 1, 2025. Online application must be submitted by Saturday, February 1, 2025.**
- 2) **Each** entry must have their own application.
- 3) A copy of the words of any song used must be attached to the application (including the words on a background CD). **Words of songs can be downloaded from various websites – search “<TITLE OF SONG> lyrics”.**
- 4) Who may apply?
 - a) An Assembly may enter using the following rules:
 - i) The Assembly may enter up to **THREE acts!**
 - ii) A soloist may also participate in the group entry.
 - iii) The Assembly does not meet any of the District rules stated below.
 - b) To enter as a District please use the following rules:
 - i) The District must have more than one Assembly in the District and may only enter **one act** as a District. No two Districts may combine.
 - ii) If any of the Assemblies in a District Group Act also have a solo act, the soloist may enter as another Assembly entry. The soloist may also perform in the District group.
 - iii) If any Assembly within that District does not take part in the District group, then that Assembly may enter on its own in any category (group or solo) based on the Assembly rules.

GENERAL RULES

- 1) Good taste must be exercised in all materials presented. The words to the songs and costumes should be Rainbow appropriate (not too tight, too low cut, no midribs showing, etc.)
- 2) We are asking all acts to **EMAIL** their sound files to cagrandtalent@gmail.com this year! Please label the file as such: **ASSEMBLY NAME_ACT NAME**
- 3) All music must be sent electronically as an MP3 file. NO YouTube files. Keep a backup for practice.
- 4) Performance may **not be less than 2 minutes and no more than 4 minutes.** Time your acts carefully as they will be timed at Grand Assembly.
 - a) Timing of the performance begins with the first words or notes of the music **OR** from the first movement after the initial set-up (performers in place) and continues through the last note of music or final movement.
- 5) All performers, including accompanists, must be active Rainbow Girls in good standing (no adults allowed).
- 6) All performers are expected to dress in costume and participate in the Talent Parade on Monday whether they go on to the semi-finals or finals or not, to show their support of the Talent program.
- 7) Only those competing in the “Vocal **Solo**” category will qualify for the Lois Cook Trophy.
- 8) We discourage any acapella singing unless in a group.
- 9) If entering as an instrumental soloist, we encourage the use of music created for a solo piece and not a selection that is used as part of an orchestra or band. Background music may be utilized if the instrument being used is unable to be used in aspects of the music.
- 10) The current sweepstakes winner may enter the talent competition the following year in any category but will **not** be eligible to win Sweepstakes in the previous winning category.
- 11) No back-to-back trophies will be presented to the same girl for the Lois Cook or Barbara Campbell Award. The girl may participate the following year but will not be eligible for the trophy.
- 12) **Adults may assist with any set-up but are not permitted on the floor during the performance.**

Grand Assembly Talent Information – 2025

PRELIMINARIES (AUDITIONS)

- 1) Preliminaries will be held on Friday evening. Saturday morning auditions will only be considered if absolutely necessary or we receive more than 20 Talent submissions.
- 2) You will receive notification by email confirming your entry application and to confirm schedule of arrival and any other Grand Assembly competitions your Talent participants are taking part in.
- 3) Arrive at least 20 minutes before your scheduled audition time to check in.
- 4) Performers should be in complete costume for the auditions.
- 5) Supporters are highly encouraged to watch the audition of their Assembly or District act(s).
- 6) Be prepared to give the following information to the Grand Pages when checking in:
 - a) Adult contact name and cell phone number.
 - b) Hotel Name and room number of Mother Advisor AND Adult Advisor
 - c) A couple fun facts about the act. (These are used for introductions on the Grand Floor) For example: "Susie has been playing the piano for 2 years." "Rainbow Assembly has been practicing since summertime!"

SEMI-FINALS & FINALS

- 1) The semi finalists will be **posted ONLINE by 12:00pm on Saturday** before sessions.
- 2) The finalists will be **posted ONLINE during the Saturday night activities** with a date and time (Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening), for their final performance.
- 3) All winners will be announced during the Talent Parade on Monday afternoon.
- 4) **ALL acts that audition**, regardless of whether they make it to semi-finals, are asked to participate in the Grand Talent parade on **Monday afternoon** in full costume to show their support for the Talent program. Please arrive **IN COSTUME** and **with your Assembly Banner**.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- 1) There are 4 categories judges will look at:
 - a) Routine (Difficult, Originality and Execution)
 - b) Precision (Unison, Timing)
 - c) Showmanship (Confidence, Spirit/Enthusiasm, Audience Appeal)
 - d) Appearance (Costumes, Prop Usage, Grooming)

SUGGESTIONS

- 1) **SMILE!!!** 😊
- 2) Choose a girl representative as Team Captain who will be responsible throughout the preparation and at Grand Assembly to organize the planning, practices, costumes, and participation of the girls.
- 3) **SMILE!!!** 😊
- 4) It is the responsibility of the Assembly and Mother Advisor to ensure the act presented is Rainbow appropriate in all aspects.
- 5) Practice, practice, practice! Performances that rehearse most often are the ones who are typically chosen for the semi-finals and the finals and walk off with the trophies. **Work hard, smile, and have fun!** 😊

SPECIAL NOTE

Our Grand Assembly Talent Competition has come a long way since its inception, but we always love to hear constructive feedback. The purpose of this contest is to give the girls an incentive to work and play together, furthering friendships and encouraging good sportsmanship! And of course, to have AN AWESOME TIME!

If you have any questions regarding the application or rules, please contact:

Ms. Sarah Bauer, 559-367-4557, cagrandtalent@gmail.com

Please notify Ms. Bauer of any withdrawals as soon as possible.