



ROTARY CLUB INSTRUCTIONS

MUSIC CONTEST (VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL)

CLUB LEVEL COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

- Before a contestant may participate in the District-level competition on May 2, 2026, they must first compete in a club-level contest or be sponsored by a club.
- Each student competing at the club level must complete the “Contestant Registration & Consent Form” and return to their sponsoring Rotary Club.
- The club will retain this form and send a copy to the Pageant of the Arts Chair, Debbie Wehbe at debbie.rotary5280@gmail.com.
- See General Rules for more information.

DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

Rotary Clubs: Please complete the steps below ONLY for students that are advancing to competition on May 2, 2026.

- **PAYMENT**
 - Rotary Clubs (not student) send the fee for each contest by **April 18, 2026**.
 - **Small Clubs** (20 members or less): \$115 per contest
 - **Medium Clubs** (21-49 members): \$175 per contest
 - **Large Clubs** (50+ members): \$220 per contest
 - Send payment to Rotary District 5280 Office:
 - 8055 W. Manchester Ave., Suite 460, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293
- **ONLINE APPLICATION**
 - Rotary Clubs (not student) must complete the online application for all contestants advancing to the District-level competition by **April 18, 2026**.
 - The online application can be found at www.rotary5280.org/page/pageant-of-the-arts/
 - **Note:** The online application is ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS ADVANCING TO THE DISTRICT-LEVEL COMPETITION.

Visit the Pageant of the Arts website for more information:

www.rotary5280.org/page/pageant-of-the-arts/





OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

MUSIC CONTEST (VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL)

GENERAL CONTEST RULES FOR ALL CONTESTS AND CONTESTANTS

Location, arrival time and performance/presentation times will be sent prior to the contest.

- **The Pageant of the Arts is an annual competition for high school students:**
 - There are five separate contests - Art, Dance, Speech, Instrumental Music and Vocal Music.
 - Separate rules and applications apply for each contest.
 - Only one contestant per Rotary Club may be sent to the Art and Speech Contests.
 - Clubs may enter soloists or groups for Dance and Music.
- **Contestants must:**
 - Be currently enrolled in high school, home-schooled, or an alternative program;
 - Of high school age;
 - Have won 1st place at a Rotary Club Contest or may be sponsored by a Rotary Club.
- **Contestants may enter more than one contest if:**
 - The contestant qualifies;
 - Has the sponsorship of a Rotary Club.
 - Note: Separate rules and application apply for each contest.
- **Prizes for each contest:**
 - 1st Place - \$1,000.00; 2nd Place - \$500.00; 3rd Place - \$250.00.
- **The Contestant Registration & Parent/Guardian Consent Form must be:**
 - Signed by the contestant and their parent/guardian;
 - Submitted to your sponsoring Rotary Club.
 - The Rotary Club will register contestants online and pay the entry fee.
 - **Deadline for this is April 18, 2026.**
- **Judges are experts in their field:**
 - A Judging Rubric is used in evaluating contestants;
 - The rubric is available from your Rotary Club, the Contest Chair, or the Rotary District 5280 website.

MUSIC CONTEST RULES

- All music performances must be live, in person at the District Final Competition on May 2, 2026.
- Vocals may not be enhanced via pitch correction or pre-recording
- The only pre-recording allowed is instrumental background music.
- Contestants must email their backtracks to the Pageant of the Arts Chair, Debbie Wehbe at debbie.rotary5280@gmail.com by April 18, 2026.
- Contestants are responsible for providing their own instruments, accompanist or instrumental recording if used as background music for performance. All back tracks must be sent to debbie.rotary5280@gmail.com by April 18, 2026.
- A piano will be available for Instrumentalists and for accompaniment.
- Maximum performance time is 6 minutes. A timer will show a card at the 5-minute mark. Performance will be stopped if it exceeds 6 minutes.
- Judges are experts in their field. A judging Rubric is used in evaluating contestants. The rubric is on Page 4 of this document.

For questions or clarification, contact:

Debbie Wehbe, Pageant of the Arts Music Chair
(323) 573-1950 | debbierotary5280@gmail.com

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CONTESTANT REGISTRATION & CONSENT FORM

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CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School/Alternative Study: _____

Address: _____ Grade: 9th 10th 11th 12th

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Type of Performance: Vocal Instrumental What Instrument? _____

Title of Performance: _____ Length: _____ minutes (max 6 minutes)

CONTESTANT CONSENT

I have read and agree to abide by the Rotary District 5280 Official Music Contest Rules for 2026. If I have questions, I will reach out to the Music Contest Chair, Debbie Wehbe, at 323-573-1950 or debbierotary5280@gmail.com.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

If the above named contestant qualifies at the Rotary Club level for the District contest, I/we give permission for them to compete in the Rotary District 5280 Pageant of the Arts Contest to be held May 2, 2026. I/we give permission for their presentation/performance to be photographed and/or videotaped, to be used by Rotary District 5280.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Students: Please complete this form and return to your sponsoring Rotary Club.

Rotary Club: Please fill in the Rotary Contact info below. If your club selects this student to advance to the District Competition, complete the Rotary Club Submission Form at the Pageant of the Arts website, www.rotary5280.org/page/pageant-of-the-arts/

Rotary Club: _____ Rotary Club Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



JUDGE'S EVALUATION FORM

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Contestants and Rotary Clubs:

This form will be used in judging both vocalists and instrumentalists at the 2026 District-level Music Contest and may be used by Rotary Clubs when judging their own music contests.

Contestant's Name: _____ Instrumentalist _____ Vocalist _____

Performance Title: _____ Time: _____ (max 6 minutes)

Factors Evaluated	Judge's Comments	Points (1-10 Scale)
Performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poise Difficulty of piece 		
Interpretation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamics/phrasing Expression/feeling 		
Musicianship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meter/tempo Range/pitch Tone quality Vocal or manual facility 		
TOTAL POINTS (out of 30):		
Level of performance:	Superior ___ Excellent ___ Good ___	
Judge's signature:		