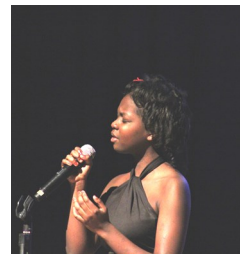
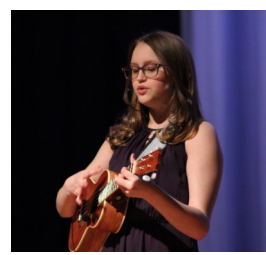


Olathe's got Talent 2024

PERFORMERS WANTED

Open to Olathe Students, 7-19 years old!



15th Annual Olathe's Got Talent Show

*Sponsored by
Olathe Noon Optimist Club*

Saturday, March 23, 2024

7- 9:30 p.m.

Bell Cultural Events Center

2030 College Way • Olathe, KS 66062

Presented by



Together, There's No Stopping You.

**Come showcase your
vocal, instrumental,
dance, theatre, visual arts
or video talent**

Directed by Shelly Stewart Banks

—Auditions—

Saturday, March 2—1-4 p.m.

Monday, March 4—6-9 p.m.

Olathe Civic Theatre Association
500 E. Loula, Olathe, KS 66061

For important information, carefully
read this audition packet.

Questions:

Ruth Nelson at 816-863-6144

Questions & Answers

What is “Olathe’s Got Talent?”

“Olathe’s Got Talent” is a talent competition for Olathe youth to showcase their talents and win scholarship dollars. Students may participate solo or in group performances including dance, vocal and instrumental music, theatre performances, visual art and videos. The event is sponsored by the Olathe Noon Optimist Club in support of Arts in Education. The club partners with Bell Cultural Event Center at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Generous individuals and businesses support the competition through sponsorships. Funds raised also support the club’s other youth projects including Paws Ability, The Olathe Boys and Girls Club, Kansas Childhood Cancer Camps, etc.

When is the 2024 Olathe’s Got Talent show?

The show is on Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at the Bell Cultural Event Center in Olathe, Kan.

Tickets are \$15. Children five and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

Tickets may be purchased at <http://mnutickets.universiticket.com>, or call the Bell Cultural Event Center Box Office at 913-971-3636 or stop by M-F, 1-5 p.m. Cash/check only at the box office the evening of performance.

What are the show’s categories?

Solo or Group Performances:

- Vocal
- Dance
- Instrumental
- Other (kinetic/theatre, performing arts, comedy, puppetry, magic, karate, etc.)
- Visual Arts
- Videography

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Who is eligible to compete?

Public, private or home school students, ages seven to 19, who reside within the Olathe Public School District boundaries, may apply to perform individually or in groups. The Visual Arts and Video competitions are only for Olathe Public School District high school juniors and seniors in the 2023-24 school year. Students may only compete in one category. Past winners are ineligible but may be invited to perform as “Special Guests” in the future.

How do students apply?

1. Complete the attached form (page 4).
2. Download an application form at www.olatheNOONoptimist.org.
3. Email your request for an application to olathenoontalent@gmail.com.

Deadline is Friday, Feb. 16, 2024. Audition details will be shared once the application is received. Make sure the application is legible, correct and includes a personal or parent email for future communication.

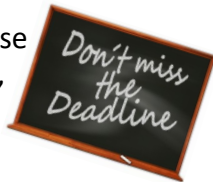
What is the cost to participate?

There is an application fee, which is non-refundable:

Individual: \$10
Groups of 2-5: \$15
Groups of 6-10: \$25
Groups of more than 10: \$50

When is the application deadline?

The deadline is **Friday, Feb. 16, 2024.** Please mail application and fee(s) to Ruth Nelson, 15572 S. Blackfoot St., Olathe, KS 66062.



When will auditions be held?

Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 1-4 p.m. and on Monday, March 4 from 6-9 p.m. at the Olathe Civic Theatre Association, 500 E. Loula, Olathe, Kan. An audition video will be accepted (deadline Feb. 24) if you are unable to attend the in-person auditions.

- Contestants must be present to audition at their scheduled times or will be disqualified.
- Auditions are limited to eight (8) minutes including stage entry, exit and critique. Judges may shorten an audition as needed to accommodate all entrants.

It is highly recommended that all finalists attend a mentoring session on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

It is mandatory for video applicants.

When is the dress rehearsal?

Dress rehearsal is mandatory for all finalists and will be held on **Friday, March 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Bell Cultural Event Center. The performance is Saturday, March 23. All finalists should report by 6 p.m.

What are the Performance, Visual Arts and Video Awards?

More than \$10,000 in scholarships may be awarded to individuals or groups by a panel of qualified judges for vocal, instrumental, dance or kinetic/theatre, visual arts and video. The audience will also have the opportunity to purchase votes for their favorite performances. The "Fan Favorite" will receive a plaque and a \$250 cash prize.

How will winners receive their awards?

The Olathe Noon Optimist Club wants to ensure funds provided by our businesses and community are easily accessed by scholarship winners to be applied toward their post-secondary education.



Scholarship awards of graduating seniors will be sent directly to their post secondary institution. Winners should submit proof of enrollment, along with their school's Financial Aid Office address, to Ruth Nelson.

All other scholarship awards will be placed in an interest-bearing Learning Quest 529 Educational accounts with parent approval. Parents control the fund disbursement when the student enrolls in a post-secondary institution (two-year, four-year or technical school).

Who will be judging the performers?

A panel of judges representing school, area businesses and community will judge the competition. Performers will be judged by various criteria including the contestant's personality and skills, interpretive ability, quality of the talent presented, stage presence, technical skill level (execution, technique, synchronization, control) and the totality of all elements (including costume, props, music, voice and choreography, etc.) All awards are at the judges' discretion and are final.



VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION

The Visual Arts component is only for Olathe high school juniors and seniors in the 2023-24 school year. Submit an application form, \$10 fee, Artist Statement of work and approval of submission from instructor by Friday, Feb. 16.

A maximum of ten entries will be accepted from each of the Olathe School District's five high schools.

Winners of the Visual Arts and Video Competitions will be part of the "Top Twenty" and will participate on stage as part of the show!

VIDEO COMPETITION

Olathe high school juniors and seniors studying e-Communications or Video may submit a short-film (seven (7) minutes max.). Submit an application form, \$10 fee, the genre and theme selected, Film Treatment statement and approval of submission from instructor by Friday, Feb. 16. Video submission instructions will be shared after applications are reviewed.

A maximum of ten entries will be accepted from each of the Olathe School District's five high schools.

Note: ONE Video scholarship award of \$1,000 is available. The applicant will be the sole winner of the scholarship.

"TOP TWENTY" SHOW SELECTION

Eighteen finalists will be selected for the show. Two positions will be held for the winners of Visual Arts and Videography to complete the "Top Twenty" show selection for Olathe's Got Talent 2024.



An additional two performers will be selected as alternates and will be eligible to perform, but will not be eligible this year for scholarship awards.

Special Scholarship Opportunities

MidAmerica Nazarene University and Johnson County Community College may award a \$1,000 scholarship to seniors who are in the show and have indicated an interest in attending their schools. They may be selected by a representative of the school or the Judges, and are not necessarily based on talent, but may be offered as an opportunity for students to pursue academics beyond high school at their institution. If interested, students should indicate this on their application for consideration. If awarded, scholarship awards will be presented at a later date by the Olathe Noon Optimist Club.



2024 APPLICATION

Please print clearly | Due Friday, Feb. 16, 2024

Applicant's First Name

Applicant's Last Name

Applicant's School

Grade Level

Date of Birth

Applicant's Fine Arts Instructor(s)

Applicant's Street Address

Applicant's City, State, ZIP

Applicant's Home Phone

Applicant's Cell Number

Applicant's Email (please print clearly)

Mom's Name

Dad's Name

Mom's HOME and CELL Phone Number

Dad's HOME and CELL Phone Number

Mom's Email

Dad's Email

PERFORMANCE Genre:

- Check One:** Vocal Dance Instrumental
Other (kinetic/theatre, performing arts, magic, etc.)
Visual Arts Videography

- Check One:** Single Performance
Group (# in group): _____

- Check One:** In-person Audition (attend March 2 or 4)
Video Audition* (submit by Feb. 24)

**for vocal, dance, instrumental or kinetic/theatre performance*

Describe what you will be doing for your performance (include song/music, if applicable):

Application Fee: \$10 Individual
\$25 Group

Payment: Cash
Check # _____

Checks Payable: Olathe Noon Optimist Club

Mail to: Ruth Nelson
15572 S. Blackfoot St., Olathe, KS 66062

Interested in the Special Scholarship Opportunity with MidAmerica Nazarene or Johnson County Community College: Yes No

Questions?

Ruth Nelson at 816-863-6144, or
email olathenoontalent@gmail.com

Information/Updates: www.olatheNOONoptimist.org

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