



KARAOKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS USA COMPETITION 2011

-- Eligibility Requirements --

Entrant must be 18 years of age or older and a legal US resident. Entrant must be a *bona fide* amateur, and as such may not: (a) have been employed as a performer on an audio book or as a royalty artist on a sound recording which has been commercially released by a major label or a *bona fide* independent label; (b) have two or more credits in television (including free television, pay television, basic cable or direct-to-video) or in a professional stage play (e.g. Broadway, Off Broadway); (c) have had 13 or more weeks employment as a performer in radio in a major market; or (d) have been paid to appear as a principal performer, announcer, singer or dancer in a national television or radio commercial or interactive game.

Additionally, Entrant may not currently have any of the following: (a) a contract for talent representation; (b) a current music recording contract; (c) an exclusive acting contract; or (d) any other contractual agreement that would prohibit them from participating in all levels of the competition or entering into any contracts required by Sponsors.

Entrant must **not**: (1) be a candidate for public office and must agree to not become a candidate for public office from the date of entry until one (1) year after the initial broadcast of the last episode of the program in which the Entrant appears; (2) have been convicted of a felony; or (3) be participating in any other televised singing competition or other program or competition that might interfere with Entrant's ability to participate in this competition at any level.

Entrant must be willing to submit to a background check, at Sponsor's sole discretion, should they advance to the regional competition. If Entrant advances to the regional competition, he/she must be available to participate in the corresponding regional competition (based on location from which Entrant is advancing). Regional competitions are scheduled to occur on:

- June 10/11/12, 2011 at a location in Houston for the Southern Region (New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama)
- June 24/25/26, 2011 at a location in Las Vegas for the Western Region (Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona)
- July 1/2/3, 2011 at a location in New York City for the Eastern Region (Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maryland, Vermont, New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida)
- July 8/9/10, 2011 at a location in Chicago for the Northern Region (North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia)
- Additionally, Entrant must be available for at least three (3) days in September 2011 should they be selected to participate at the National Competition to be held at a location in the Los Angeles area. Locations of regional and national competitions are subject to change. All expenses associated with an Entrant's travel, transportation and or accommodations to, from or during any and all competitions are the Entrant's sole responsibility. All dates are subject to change at Sponsor's sole discretion.

Any individuals (including but not limited to employees, consultants, independent contractors, and interns) who have, within the past six (6) months, performed services for Lincoln Square Productions, LLC, Karaoke World Championships USA, LLC, or any of their respective parent, subsidiary, affiliated or successor companies, and immediate family and household members of such individuals, are not eligible to enter or play. "Immediate family members" shall mean parents, step-parents, children, step-children, siblings, step-siblings,

spouses or ex-spouses. "Household members" shall mean people who share the same residence at least three months a year.

In addition, each Entrant acknowledges and agrees that Sponsor has the sole discretion to at any time render ineligible any Entrant who, in Sponsor's sole discretion, is sufficiently connected with the administration, judging or fulfillment of the competition such that his or her participation in the competition could create the appearance of impropriety. Sponsor reserves the right to modify these eligibility requirements.

Entrants who advance to a regional competition will be required to sign additional agreements, including but not limited to a release of liability, grant of rights and indemnification.

Entrants understand competition at the regional level and above will be subject to the official rules that will be issued prior to commencement of that round.

Eligibility requirements are subject to change at Sponsor's sole discretion. All of the Sponsor's eligibility determinations are final and not subject to appeal.

KWCUSA is the Sponsor of this competition.

- Local and state competitors can use their own karaoke discs (**manufacturers CD's only, not copies!**) of their songs. Maximum length of one song is 5 minutes for local and state competitions, 4 minutes for regionals and nationals. Absolutely no profanity in either the backing vocal tracks or the main vocals will be tolerated.
- Songs for Regional and National competitions must be selected from approved list posted at [kwcusa.net](http://www.kwcusa.net)
- Singers MUST register online at <http://www.kwcusa.net> prior to state, regional, and national competitions.

SUMMARY OF THE FIVE MAIN JUDGING CRITERIA

1. **VOICE SOUND QUALITY**
 - The quality and individual characteristics of the voice
2. **RHYTHM & TEMPO**
 - The voice in relation to the music
3. **VOCAL EXPRESSION**
 - How well the performer is able to express the meaning and mood of the song
4. **STAGE PRESENCE**
 - The physical expression of the song in terms of the overall visual presentation of the performance on stage.
5. **ENTERTAINMENT VALUE**

Timeline

- The U.S.A. Local Venue Preliminary competitions beginning Sept.1, 2010
- The U.S.A. state finals will be held in May/June 2011.
- The U.S.A. regional finals will be held June /July 2011
- The U.S.A. national competition will be held in August/September 2011.

- The world competition will be held September/October, 2011