



Sacramento Hmong New Year, Inc.

Celebrating the Richness of the Hmong Culture

Hmong Idol Competition Rules and Regulations 2023-2024

General

1. This contest is open to persons of all ages. However, contestants under the age of 18 years old may only participate so with the consent of their parent or guardian. Any members of the SHNY are not permitted to participate. None of the judges' immediate family may participate.
2. Entries for the contest must be received by **November 11, 2023**.
3. There is a \$25.00 registration fee for Idol competition. Registration fee is not refundable.
4. By submission of application and entering this contest, each contestant must follow with the rules and regulations.
5. As a contestant in the Sacramento Hmong Idol Competition, each contestant must agree that SHNY and their successors have the right to use their names, likeness, and images for future advertising, promotion, and publicity in any matter.
6. By participating in this contest, contestants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges. SHNY is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the administration of the contest or in the announcement of the prize.
7. All performers are on a volunteer basis. The Sacramento Hmong New Year Committee is not responsible for any physical injuries, loss, or damages o the contestants and their properties. Should any issues(s) arise, the contract waives all rights to sue or release Sacramento Hmong New Year, a nonprofit organization and its officers, Board of Directors, agents, employees or persons under the direction or supervision of Sacramento Hmong New Year from any injuries, loss and damages suffered directly or indirectly.

Competition

1. Competition will take place at Cal Expo Fairgrounds on between 10am to 4pm depending on the amount of entries received.

2. Contestants must check in on time and be present at the time given of the dance competition. Failure to do so result in disqualification.
3. Each contestant will be performing 3 rounds as solo.
 - a. All songs must be in Hmong – no exception.
 - b. Second Round: Solo Performance: up tempo song (may perform in one of these styles: Rock, New Wave, Country Rock, Pops, or Disco with no exception – has to be one of these styles).
 - c. Third Round: Solo performance: Any song of your choice.
4. Contestants MAY NOT utilize live props, singers, dancers and/or animals. Non-human props such as costumes and other accessories are permitted. Contestants may have ONE accompaniment of a live musical instrument.
5. Contestants must supply their own background tracks in a mp3 format. Background music must be clear of lead vocal singer, only musical band instrument are acceptable and light harmonies.
6. Contestants are not permitted to leave the stage area during their performance. This includes singing or performing within audience.
7. The time limit for each contestant is 6 minutes. No more than one song may be sung within the 6 minutes. Song that going over 6 minutes will be shut off.
8. Contestants may sing the same song as another contestant.
9. Songs containing vulgar or explicit sexual lyrics will not be allowed. Contestants who during their performance, use any obscene, offensive, sexual or otherwise inappropriate behavior or gestures, which are not in the spirit of the contest or do not meet the Sacramento Hmong New Year, Inc.'s standards will be disqualified from the competition.
10. Contestants and their families are not allowed to have contact with any contest Judge before or during the competition. Contact includes verbal conversations, social media, call and text. Please DO NOT hangs out in the back of the stage and/or around the Judges' area.
11. Contestants, and/or their associates who exhibit offensive behavior during any portions of the contest may result in the disqualification of that contestant from further competition. Offensive behavior includes, but not limited to poor sportsmanship, misbehaviors, and lack decorum.
12. Payouts: There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.
 - a. 1st place award: \$2,000.00
 - b. 2nd place award: \$1,000.00 (2nd place ribbon)
 - c. 3rd place award: \$500.00 (3rd place ribbon)

Important Notes:

- a. If there is less than seven (7) competitors, there will only be first and second place winners.
- b. If there is less than five (5) competitors, there will be no show or contest.

Songs Requirements

1. Please prepare four (4) Hmong songs (3 main one and 1 for backup). Mandatory requirement to sing in the language: Hmong. You should follow the guideline as indicated above for genre and styles in the language of Hmong. Once contestant submit **ALL THREE (3) songs must be in a mp3 format** to the coordinator, no changes in song choices can be made. All songs must be email to coordinator by November 11, 2023 **email to Chue Vang at billyvang@hotmail.com**. For the sake of the other contestants and keeping the flow of the contest in order, please arrive to perform thirty (30) minutes prior to competition. If not, you could forfeit your turn and possible be disqualified. In addition, when entering and exiting the stage, please be prompt and professional.

I, _____, have read and understand the rules and regulations of the Sacramento Hmong New Year, Inc.'s Idol Competition and agree to abide to the terms and conditions stated. I further understand that any violation of the terms and conditions listed on this form will result in removal from the Sacramento Hmong New Year, Inc.'s New Year with no refund of entrance/registration fees.

By signing the Sacramento Hmong New Year, Inc.'s Idol Competition form, I hereby certify-that I am at least 18 years old or I am the parent or legal guardian of the contestant listed on this application. I agree that I will be responsible for all contestants listed in the application.

Applicant Full Name	Phone	Date
Applicant Signature		Date
Parent/Guardian/Manager Signature		Date

SACRAMENTO HMONG NEW YEAR, INC.'S STAFF USE ONLY:

Application received Date: _____

Staff Name: _____

Scheduled to perform: _____ Time: _____ *For*

any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please contact:

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