



Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey
2009 New Jersey Shouts Down Drugs
CONTEST RULES



ENTRANCE & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All participants must:
 - be a *High School Student, in Grades 9 through 12*, in good standing with their school
 - be a resident of New Jersey.**
- A participant may be an individual or a group; groups may not exceed six (6) students
- Songs must be **completely original music and lyrics** with no copyright violations.
- Songs must contain a **strong prevention message**.
- Songs **may not exceed three minutes – no exceptions!**
- All music formats are welcomed – Rock, jazz, R&B, hip hop, gospel, etc.
- Two versions of your song must be submitted:
 - One version must contain music and lyrics.
 - One version must contain music only.
 - Songs may be emailed (see www.drugfreenj.org for instructions) or mailed on CD or cassette.
- Participants must provide typed lyrics to their song with a song title.
- CD's or cassettes must be **clearly labeled** with the individual or group name.
- In addition to above, **all entries must include fully completed and signed entry forms (see below)**.
- ALL "GROUPS" must submit their individual entry forms together.**
- Each participant **MUST BE AVAILABLE** to perform in the "Statewide Concert" on **Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 7:00 P.M., at the NJ Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), Newark, NJ**, if selected as a Finalist. **Participants who are not available for the concert will be disqualified. For Groups selected as a Finalist:** If any member of a group is not able to perform at the May 6th Concert, the entire group will be disqualified. **ONLY ORIGINAL ENTRY PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM AT THE CONCERT, NO GROUP MAY SUBSTITUTE A MEMBER WHO IS NOT AVAILABLE.**
- Chaperones** must accompany Finalists on May 6, 2009 (one chaperone per group permitted).

EXCLUSIONS

- Contest is **not open to past New Jersey Shouts Down Drugs First Place Winners**. Other past entrants are eligible, however, they are required to submit **new original music and lyrics**.
- Contest is not open to employees and immediate family members of PDFNJ or Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, and each of their respective controlled parent, affiliate and subsidiary companies.

ENTRY FORMS – *****INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED*****

EACH PARTICIPATING STUDENT must fully complete, sign and submit each of the following entry forms:

- Entry Form (NJSDD09 – 1)**
Groups: Each group member must complete their own form
- Copyright License, Talent and Release Agreement (NJSDD09 – 2)**
Groups: One form per group **but each group member must sign.***

*If under the age of 18, all forms must be signed by parent or legal guardian. If over the age of 18 proof of age must be submitted by including a copy of ***birth certificate*** or ***driver's license***.

DEADLINE

Entries must be **Postmarked** by **THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009**. Late entries will not be accepted.
 Entries should be mailed or delivered to: **Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey, NJSDD, 155 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey 07041.**

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JUDGING

- Independent panels of judges will select Finalists to participate in the Statewide Concert and select the Winners at the Concert.
- One Finalist will be selected from each of New Jersey's twenty-one (21) participating counties; however, PDFNJ reserves the right to select additional "wildcard" Finalists.
- Participants will represent the county where they reside, NOT where they attend school. (*For group entries, the group leader's resident county is the official county of entry.*)
- **Finalists selected to participate in the Statewide Concert will be announced on PDFNJ's website, www.drugfreenj.org, on March 4, 2009, by 3:00 PM. No phone calls please.**
- Each Finalist is required to perform at the Statewide Concert at NJPAC, Newark, NJ (*Rehearsal 2:00 P.M., Concert 7:00 P.M.*)
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners will be chosen at this event
- All decisions by the judges are final.

JUDGING CRITERIA

~ Emphasis will be placed on your Prevention Message ~

Prevention Message/ Lyrics:

- Is the message clear?
- Is the message effective in peer to peer substance abuse prevention?

Originality:

- Does the song motivate peers to be drug-free?
- Does the song inform peers about the dangers of substance abuse?

Voice / Performance

PRIZES

First Place Winner (*individual or group*)

- will be awarded a \$5,000 "Music Contract"
- will be required to participate in a "Recording Session"
- will be required to perform their winning song at four (4) separate PDFNJ events*, which shall be determined at a future date. Prize will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the music contract and contingent on performance at scheduled PDFNJ events.

Second Place Winner (*individual or group*)

- will be awarded a \$3,000 "Music Contract"
- will be required to participate in a "Recording Session"
- will be required to perform their winning song at two (2) separate PDFNJ events*, which shall be determined at a future date. Prize will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the music contract and contingent on performance at scheduled PDFNJ events.

Third Place Winner (*individual or group*)

- will be awarded a \$2,000 "Music Contract"
- will be required to participate in a "Recording Session"
- will be required to perform their winning song at one (1) PDFNJ event*, which shall be determined at a future date. Prize will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the music contract and contingent on performance at scheduled PDFNJ event.

*Winners are responsible for their own transportation to each of these events

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the terms of the "Music Contracts".

PLEASE NOTE, if a group is chosen as the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place Winner, the prize money will be split equally among group members.

RECORDING SESSION

The 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place Winners will be required to record their winning song at a Recording Session.**

- The recording session is located at Love Studios, 509 32nd Street, Union City, New Jersey
- The date for the recording session will be determined at a future date.
- A Chaperone must accompany winners (one chaperone per group) to the Recording Session.

****Winners are responsible for their own transportation to the Recording Session.**

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