



Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey

2010 NEW JERSEY SHOUTS DOWN DRUGS!



FAQs (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

Question 1: Can I submit my song electronically?

Answer: Yes, we prefer that you submit your song electronically (see our website for instructions). However, you must still submit your Contest paperwork via regular mail, with original signatures, by the January 8, 2010, deadline. CDs are also still accepted.

Question 2: Can my song go over 3 minutes, even a few seconds?

Answer: *No, songs must comply with the 3 minute limitation, with no exceptions. Any song over 3 minutes will be disqualified.*

Question 3: Do all members of a group have to attend the same high school?

Answer: *No, as long as all members are New Jersey residents, they may attend different high schools.*

Question 4: I go to high school in New Jersey, but I am not a New Jersey resident. Can I still participate?

Answer: *No, participants must be a New Jersey resident.*

Question 5: Do all members of a group have to be high school students?

Answer: *Yes. Only high school students, who are New Jersey residents, are eligible to enter the contest.*

Question 6: Can I have someone accompany me with music or vocals on my instrumental/soundtrack?

Answer: *Yes, however, any background musician/vocalist who is not a high school student and a resident of New Jersey will not be considered an official participant in the NJSDD Music Competition and therefore they may NOT perform at the May 13th concert. In this instance, the finalist must perform at the concert to their recorded instrumental/soundtrack. Please remember to adhere to all copyright rules in this instance.*

Question 7: I participated last year. Can I participate again - even if I was a finalist?

Answer: *Yes, you can participate again. Only 1st, 2nd or 3rd place winners from previous contests are ineligible. However, past participants must submit new, original music and lyrics. Songs cannot be entered more than once.*

Question 8: If one member of the band cannot attend the concert, can we substitute that member with another person?

Answer: *No substitutions are allowed. If any member of a group is not available to perform at the May 13, 2010, concert, the entire group will be disqualified.*

Question 9: Is a student disqualified if they already have signed a professional contract?

Answer: *No. However, if the student's contract does not allow her/him to adhere to the "Contest Rules" or to sign and give PDFNJ exclusive rights to their song in accordance with the "Copyright License, Copyright Assignment and Talent Release" agreement (NJSDD 10 - 2), that entry will be disqualified.*

Question 10: Can I enter more than one song in the contest in the same year?

Answer: *Only one song entry is permitted per person per contest year.*

Question 11: Can I participate in more than one group entry?

Answer: *You are only permitted to participate in one entry - group or individual performance.*

Question 12: Should I "announce" myself on my recording?

Answer: *No. You should not speak on your recording.*

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