

AMERICAN EQUESTRIANS GOT TALENT

GUIDELINES

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American Equestrians Got Talent (AEGT) is a talent competition acting as a Fundraiser for DISCOVER DRESSAGE, a sponsor of the United States Equestrian Federation, to assist with funding for the Emerging Youth Athletes Programs, Championships, and other youth dressage activities.

Contestants in this talent show may perform any talent act including but not limited to singing, dancing, comedy, juggling and animal acts, etc. Contestants must win one of the two live auditions nights in order secure a place in the Finale. The Finale will consist of acts from the two live auctions plus Wild Cards.

BECOMING A CONTESTANT

Performers who want to compete in one of the audition nights must sign up at www.aegtusa.com, fill out the application, and submit a 2-minute video of their performance. All instructions can be found on the website www.aegtusa.com. Contestants who do not win at any of the two live auditions will have a chance to be selected as a Wild Card based on the highest scores from the judges at the auditions.

AUDITION FORMAT

Each audition night will have only one round of competition. The judges will provide feedback to the contestants after each performance and give each contestant a score or a Golden Ticket. A Golden Ticket will automatically place the contestant in the Finale.

Sound Check will be held prior to the competition on the day of the actual Live Auditions and the Finale. Time instructions will be given to the contestants. It is the responsibility of each contestant to provide the DJ with a copy of the music that will be used for the performance. The time limit for each act is 2 minutes for the audition performances.

The top four acts will move on to the Finale, via four Golden Tickets or the top four highest scores if no Golden Tickets are awarded.

TEXT TO VOTE

Each contestant will be emailed a packet of information which will include the rules of the competition, instructions on how to set up and use the TEXT TO VOTE—which is a VITAL COMPONENT OF THE FINAL COMPETITION. Each contestant will be assigned the TEXT TO VOTE NUMBER to share with supporters. An IRS W-2 form will be provided to each contestant which must be completed prior to the Finale.

FINALE SCORE FORMULA

Scoring for the AEGT Grand Finale has three components: Judges Scores, Total \$\$ Raised, and Total Number of Individual Voters

The three categories are weighted in the following manner:

50% Judges' score at Finale

25% Total \$\$ raised through text-to-vote

25% Total Individual text-to-vote voters

Each category is placed as follows:

Judges' score:

Highest score receives 200 points

2nd highest receives 180 points

3rd highest receives 160 points

4th highest receives 140 points

5th highest receives 120 points

6th highest receives 100 points

7th highest receives 80 points

8th highest receives 60 points

9th highest receives 40 points

10th highest receives 20 points

11th highest receives 10 points

Total \$\$ raised by text-to-vote:

Highest score receives 100 points

2nd highest receives 90 points

3rd highest receives 80 points

4th highest receives 70 points

5th highest receives 60 points

6th highest receives 50 points

7th highest receives 40 points

8th highest receives 30 points

9th highest receives 20 points

10th highest receives 10 points

Number of unique text-to-vote voters:

Highest score receives 100 points

2nd highest receives 90 points

3rd highest receives 80 points

4th highest receives 70 points

5th highest receives 60 points

6th highest receives 50 points

7th highest receives 40 points

8th highest receives 30 points

9th highest receives 20 points

10th highest receives 10 points

11th highest receives 5 points

Grand prize: \$10,000.00

2nd prize: \$ 5,000.00

3rd prize: \$ 2,500.00

TIES

In the event of a tie on the Finale night, the tie will be broken by the Judges.

FINALE COMPETITION FORMAT

Each of the acts selected to perform in the Finale will perform in random order selected by random.com prior to the Finale. Each act will perform one 2-minute performance (NO EXCEPTIONS on the time limit). After all the contestants have performed there will be a short intermission to tally the scores and determine final placings.

The top 3 contestants from the computation of the scoring will be score First, Second and Third place.

Upon announcement, all results are final.

FINALE STAGING DETAILS

The organizing committee will provide adequate staging, lighting and sound for the performers. Any special effects, special lighting etc, will be at the expense of the performer(s) and subject to regulations, ordinances, and other restrictions by the venue, city and state. All music selections are due 1 week prior to the Finale evening.

It is policy that the winner of AEGT from the previous year is NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE in the current year's competition.

WILD CARDS

Wild card acts will be chosen by highest scores and added to the lineup of contestants performing in the Finale. The wild cards contestants will follow the same rules as the contestants who won in the auditions.

THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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EVENT IS TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE USEF ANNUAL YOUTH
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER YOUTH DRESSAGE ACTIVITIES.**