

THE NEXT COUNTRY MUSIC STAR TALENT SEARCH

RULES and ELIGIBILITY:

1. Participants must be 12 years of age or older on the starting day of the contest, March 10, 2018.
2. Previous competitors are eligible providing they did not place in the top three in the finals.
3. Completed submissions with all listed supporting material **MUST** be received before your audition can be scheduled, subject to availability of space. The preliminary rounds run every Saturday from March 10, 2018 to April 28, 2018. Only 30 audition spots will be filled.
4. Entrants have three methods of submitting: online, mailed or hand delivered.
 - Online submissions to be made to info@thenextcountrymusicstar.com
 - Mailed submissions go to:
The Ranch Resort
252 Ski Hill Road
Bethany, Ontario, L0A 1A0
 - Dropped off:
The Ranch Resort
252 Ski Hill Road
Bethany, Ontario, L0A 1A0
5. Contestants and winners who reside outside of Canada will be responsible For any applicable tariffs or taxes.

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WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR SUBMISSION:

1. Participant must provide a recording of a live performance with live accompaniment only.
2. A written acknowledgement and release in the form of a completed **Talent Release Form** is required. This form will allow **The Next Country Music Star Talent Search** rights to:
 - a. air on radio and/or videotape (by media sponsors of **The Next Country Music Star**) your performance,
 - b. use your name and likeness before, during and after the contest
 - c. refer to and post likeness on our Web site for an indefinite period.
 - d. The form must be completed and signed by all members in the band to compete. A parental consent must also be signed in the event the contestant is under eighteen (18) years of age at the time of signing.
3. If a person is a member of a professional art union and/or being represented by a talent agency, an attorney, or a law firm as a professional talent, that person is deemed ineligible to compete. **Artists must have amateur status.**
4. Every entry must include **3 performances** submitted on a CD or DVD, or online submissions can submit YouTube video(s) or EPKs (Electronic Press Kits) which include performances. **This will consist of a 3-song demo** (*demo MUST be somewhat consistent with your performance at the competition) though you may perform other (country genre) song compositions on the day of the show, including one original song. No cassette tapes will be accepted.
5. A minimum of 1/2 an hour of material is required to compete at this level. Only live accompaniment will be accepted at the auditions. **Your audition must include at least one original song.**
6. Each submission will contain a photo of you and your band (if applicable). The photo must be suitable for publishing, as **The Next Country Music Star** deems necessary. The photo can be hardcopy or an electronic .jpg (minimum 600 pixels x 600 pixels 300 dpi).

7. A short bio describing you and your group (if applicable), describing what you have done to present, what has inspired you and what are your aspirations in regards to a Country Music Career.

8. **An entrance fee of \$50 per artist or group** must accompany your submission. Payment can be made by Visa, Master Card, money order or cheque made payable to **The Ranch Resort**.
Your entrance fee will be returned should you not be selected to participate in the scheduled auditions.
If selected you will be notified of your audition date & time, receive 8 complimentary audience tickets for the night of your audition, plus receive a digital recording of your audition.

9. **The Talent Release Form** must be completed, signed and dated. **Please complete all the following information for each member of your group.** Any members of your band that did not complete the submission form will not be eligible to compete. **Please print legibly in ink.**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:

Name of Performing Artist or Group: _____

The following pages must be completed by the performer and each performing member of your group:

Name (First, Last): _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Address: Street _____

City _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: Day (____) ____ - ____ Evening (____) ____ - ____

Email Address: _____

Are you currently being represented by a talent agency, attorney or firm?

Yes No

If yes, explain:

Why do you believe you should be chosen to perform at **The Next Country Music Star Talent Search**?

(Use additional page if necessary.)

Who is your biggest musical inspiration? _____

Why?

Where have you performed in 2016?

In 50 to 100 words, tell us your aspirations for being a country performing artist. What is your dream?

(Use additional page if necessary.)

By signing below, I acknowledge:

1. I have answered all questions honestly and to the best of my knowledge.
2. I have read the contest rules and I will follow those rules explicitly.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature *(if contestant is under 18 years of age at the time of signing.)*

Signature _____ Date _____

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TALENT RELEASE FORM

Date _____

I (we) _____ being of legal age, hereby consent and authorize **The Next Country Music Star Talent Search** to use my voice, reproductions, pictures (photographs and other likenesses) such as applicable to this signing, and to circulate, broadcast, and/or reproduce same for advertising and marketing purposes.

Competitor Print Name _____

Competitor Signature _____

Witness Print Name _____

Witness Signature _____

Parent/Guardian *(if contest under 18 years of age at time of signing)*

Parent/Guardian Print Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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SUBMISSION CHECK LIST:

Please send with the rest of your information

Have you included?

Personal Information Form completed for all members of your group

Talent Release Form completed for all members of your group

Short Bio (100 words)

Photo

Live Performance on CD, DVD, YouTube or EPK

Entrance Fee of \$50 paid by:

VISA/MC _____ expiry _____

Name on Card:

(please print) _____

Money Order or Cheque payable to The Ranch Resort

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Accepted: _____

Incomplete (Return to applicant) _____