

2010 DELAWARE DIVAS & DUDES OFFICIAL RULES

Who Can Enter

Contestants who are competing can be of any age. There are no restrictions barring any individual from entering the Delaware Divas & Dudes competition.

Preliminary Information

1. Contestants must attend the Preliminary Competition held Saturday September 11, 2010 (9 am – 12 pm) Contestants must register no later than 8:30.
2. Prior to the Preliminary Competition, each Contestant must complete an electronically submitted biography at www.delgazette.com. In addition, each contestant must submit a photo either by online submission at www.delgazette.com, by emailing a .jpg or .pdf file to misc@delgazette.com or by bringing a hard copy to the Delaware Gazette office at 18. E. William Street. Any Contestant who does not complete a biography and submit a photo will be barred from competing in the Preliminary Competition.
3. During the Preliminary Round, each contestant will have up to ninety (90) seconds to sing a song without musical accompaniment. All performances will be limited to a vocal solo performance.

Grand Finale

1. At the Grand Finale competition, Contestants will sing two (2) songs up to three (3) minutes and thirty (30) seconds per song of their choice with background accompaniment.
2. Contestants must provide their own pre-recorded accompaniment on cassette or audio CD (no MP3 files accepted).
3. All styles of music are acceptable; however, lewd or offensive lyrics or gestures will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification and removal from site. Contestants must wear appropriate performance attire.

The Voting

1. PRELIMINARY ROUND

The judges will select 12 contestants to move on. The public will select one additional contestant to move on by donating dollars to their favorite contestant. One dollar equals one vote. All votes/dollar amounts will be counted and verified by a representative of The Delaware Gazette and then donated to Helpline of Delaware and Morrow Counties.

Public voting will take place from Noon, September 13 through Noon, September 20, 2010. The top 13 Contestants will be announced in the September 21 edition of The Delaware Gazette and will also be contacted by a Contest Representative. The top 13 Contestants will go on to the Grand Finale September 24 at The Delaware County Fair.

2. GRAND FINALE

There will be no public vote as judges will be solely responsible for selecting winners. The contestant with the highest score will be awarded the title of Grand Prize Winner. The contestant with the second highest score will be named Runner Up. All judges' decisions are final.

The Prizes

- One Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$1,000 and a Personalized Trophy.
- One Runner-Up Winner will receive \$250 and a Personalized Trophy

Miscellaneous

1. Contestants must provide for all travel and expenses to the Preliminary and Grand Finale competitions themselves. The winners are responsible for paying all local, county, state and federal taxes on prizes based on the estimated retail value of the prizes as set forth in these rules. Each contestant must submit their correct and valid Social Security number for tax reporting purposes.
2. All judges' decisions at the Grand Finale are to be considered final. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Void where prohibited by law. All federal, state and local laws apply. By entering, each contestant accepts and agrees to be bound by these rules. All decisions made by The Delaware Gazette and Contest Judges will be final and binding.
3. The Delaware Gazette reserves the right to, without prior notice and at any time, remove participants or terminate this Contest, in whole or in part, or modify this Contest in any way, should any factor interfere with its proper conduct as contemplated by these Official Rules. Incomplete entries are void.
4. The Delaware Gazette is not responsible for lost, incomplete, illegible or garbled entries, printing errors, mail or transmissions, interrupted or unavailable network, server or other connections, miscommunications, computer virus, bugs, worms, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, failed computer hardware or software or telephone transmissions or other errors or problems of any kind whether mechanical, human or electronic.
5. One Grand Prize Winner and one Runner-Up Winner will be selected during the Grand Finale on Friday, Sept. 24, 2010. Before claiming prizes, all winners must provide their correct name, address and telephone number to The Delaware Gazette at the time of notification. The sponsors reserve the right to examine additional identification and may choose to accept or deny the prize based on the identification presented.
6. There will be no substitutions for prizes. The Sponsors have the right to substitute a prize of similar value. No transfer or assignment of prizes is allowed.
7. The Delaware Gazette and Contest Sponsors are not responsible for hardship or injury resulting from the award or use of the prize.
8. In claiming your prize, you acknowledge that The Delaware Gazette and all other sponsors have the right to publicize your name, character, likeness, photograph, voice and the fact that you are the winner for promotional purposes without financial remuneration.
9. Odds of winning depend on the number of applicants.
10. Complete contest rules are available Monday through Friday during normal business hours at The Delaware Gazette, 18 E. William St., Delaware, Ohio 43015
11. For a list of contest winners, send a separate, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address.