

DELAWARE DIVAS & DUDES OFFICIAL RULES

Who Can Enter

1. **Divas & Dudes:** Contestants who are competing can be of any age.
There are no restrictions barring any individual from entering the Divas & Dudes category.

Preliminary Information

1. Contestants will be assigned to attend a preliminary competitions hosted at a sponsor location:

- Saturday September 12, 2009 (9 am – 12 pm) Contestants must register no later than 8:30.

2. If you have not completed a biography sheet, we ask that you do so online at www.delgazette.com and email a picture to misc@delgazette.com or bring it by our office.

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.

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.

Contestants must provide their own pre-recorded accompaniment on cassette or audio CD (no MP3 files accepted).

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 all but one contestant at each competition 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. All vote dollars will be donated to Common Ground Free Store organization.

Based on the number of contestants up to 24 competitors will go on to the Grand Finale September 25 at The Delaware County Fair.

2. GRAND FINALE

There will be no public vote as judges will be solely responsible for selecting winners. The top contestants in each category will be awarded the title of Grand Prize Winner. All judges' decisions are final.

THE PRIZES

1. DELAWARE DIVA OR DUDE

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 Sponsors 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 Saturday, Sept. 25, 2009. Before claiming prizes, all winners must provide their correct name, address and telephone number to The Delaware Gazette at the time of notification. All persons traveling on the trip must be 18 years of age or older, unless travelers under 18 are accompanied by at least one adult who is the parent or legal guardian of the minor. All persons traveling on the trip must also sign and return a release, which must be returned with the winner's release and affidavit of eligibility within the time frame specified above. 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.