

COMPETITIVE EVENT GUIDELINES

for TALENT COMPETITION - INDIVIDUAL

DESCRIPTION

Individual Jobs for Montana's Graduates (JMG) students will demonstrate commitment to the JMG program and his or her Montana Career Association (MCA) by delivering an entertainment piece during the IGNITE Montana Conference Talent event.

PURPOSE

Encourage JMG students to display self-confidence, talent, and an understanding of the values of JMG through musical, dramatic, comedic, or other genre of performance arts.

KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The key learning objectives for students participating in this event are:

- Students approach the art of performance with dignity, professionalism, and seriousness
- Students learn to appreciate their gifts or abilities by receiving positive feedback, praise, and encouragement
- Students demonstrated they practiced and were confident in their performance

ELIGIBILITY

JMG students, currently enrolled in the MCA, with up-to-date Jobs for America's Graduates eNDMS roster as verified by JMG state staff.

ENTRIES

A maximum of one individual entry per chapter. Competing in the talent event does not count as a student's one allowed on-site event. The talent event does not count toward Most Professional School.

OBSERVERS

Observers are allowed in the audience section during the event

COMPETITIVE EVENT TIMELINE

- The Talent event begins promptly at 4:30 PM on Day 1 of the IGNITE.
- The Talent event is predicted to end at approximately 6:30 PM on Day 1 of IGNITE.
- Overall judging time could vary depending on the number of entries.

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Each competitor will follow the time segments below:

PREPARATION	5 MINUTES
PRESENTATION	5-7 MINUTES
JUDGING	5 MINUTES

EVENT RULES

1. Each competitor will supply all props needed to perform in the Individual Talent event, including instruments, electrical cords, music, etc. Competitors are responsible for bringing their props and necessary competition items to the talent event; neither JMG state staff, nor the hotel staff are responsible for the security of props and/or equipment. **Failure to provide needed items for performance will result in disqualification.**
2. One microphone will be provided.
3. Any music being used for the Chapter Talent event will be provided to the JMG state office upon submission of the Chapter Talent event registration form. Please also bring a copy of any music and submit to the registration desk at least 2 hours prior to the talent event.
4. The talent will be professional, appropriate, and honor the values of the Jobs for Montana's Graduates program and the Montana Career Association. Any profane language, inappropriate attire revealing too much skin, or offensiveness **will result in immediate disqualification.**
5. Competitors will be scheduled to perform in the Individual Talent event, they will need to be prepared and ready to go 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. Each Individual Talent competitor will have 5 minutes to set the stage while judging occurs.
6. Competitors will be judged based on the criteria in the scoring sheet.
7. The "Points Possible" column on the score sheet indicates the maximum number of points available for each section. It is appropriate to record "Points Achieved" in a range from 0 to the maximum number.
8. Judges' decisions are final.

Judge # _____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME	
STUDENT NAME	

“POINTS ACHIEVED” CAN BE AWARDED IN A RANGE FROM 0 TO MAXIMUM “POINTS POSSIBLE”	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS ACHIEVED	COMMENTS (Comments are very helpful for students’ learning and are highly encouraged)
PERFORMANCE			
• Choice of selection (keeping with goals and ideals of JMG)	10		
• Presentation is confident, clean, professional, and fun	5		
• Talent is indicated by skill in performance; well-rehearsed	5		
AUDIENCE RESPONSE			
• Quality showmanship – performance appeals to audience	10		
• Theme or message is conveyed to audience in enjoyable manner	5		
• Audience response is positive through facial expressions, laughter, and applause	5		
SKILL AND TECHNIQUE			
• Talent exhibited a degree of difficulty in preparation and accomplishment	10		
• Tempo was well matched with music, pace, and timing	5		
• Movement and gestures were appropriate and well timed	5		
STAGE APPEARANCE			
• Attire/dress/costume(s) are appropriate and contribute to the act	10		
• Performers present themselves with character and personality	5		
• Performer demonstrates commitment and effort in the performance	5		
ORIGINALITY			
• Creative, distinct work of art that is different from other performances	15		
PUNCTUAL			
• Individual was on time and ready to go at scheduled competition time	5		
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TALENT COMPETITION – INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

SCHOOL NAME	
STUDENT NAME	
STUDENT GRADE	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th Grade <input type="checkbox"/> 10th Grade <input type="checkbox"/> 11th Grade <input type="checkbox"/> 12th Grade

Please list all Props (music, microphone, podium, etc.) required to perform Individual Talent. **Failure to provide props (other than those provided by JMG as explained in instructions) will result in disqualification.**

I, the undersigned, attest that the design and creation is my work. Any and all required props are listed above. Furthermore, I attest that the production is in accordance with state and federal copyright laws.

I consent to its reproduction, use, and/or modification in any way for use by the Jobs for Montana’s Graduates Program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Career Specialist Signature: _____ Date: _____