City of Montclair
Human Services Department
YOUTH TALENT SHOWCASE 2026

I. GENERAL RULES

1. There are no entry fees.
2. To enter the Youth Talent Showcase, you or one member of your group must attend a Montclair elementary, middle school, or high school and/or live in Montclair and be between the ages of 6-17. Proof of residency and/or school attendance will be required at audition. Proof of residency in the form of: bills, identification (school or government issued), report card (school loop) etc.
3. Type of performances accepted: singing, dancing, skits, stand-up comedy, and musical groups (bands). Other acts may be permitted under the discretion of the Recreation Coordinator.
4. Only one song per act.
5. No group or individual will be rejected from entering or performing in the Youth Talent Showcase on the basis of sex, race, creed, age, origin or color.
6. Acts having unacceptable attire, language, strong sexual/violent lyrics, etc., will be automatically disqualified.
7. Performances should not exceed 5 minutes in length.
8. All relatives of City employees, City Council Members, Planning Commission, and Community Action Committee Members are not eligible to participate.
9. A minimum of 10 acts are required in order to hold the event and a maximum of 18 acts will be permitted to perform in the talent showcase. Prior to the mandatory auditions you will be notified of the event status.

II. ENTRY FORMS

- Entry forms are available at the Recreation Center building front desk, 5111 Benito Street, Montclair, during operating hours. (Monday– Friday 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.).
- Complete the entry form and return it to the Recreation Center building front desk, by Friday, September 26 or email egmedina@cityofmontclair.org
- Each member of an act must complete an entry form containing a waiver of liability, to be signed by parent or guardian.

III. SELECTING AND SCHEDULING ENTERTAINMENT

- Auditions will be held Wednesday, October 1, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This is a **MANDATORY** audition. Acts must be performed as they will be performed for the Talent Showcase.
- All performers will be judged by stage presence, originality, skill and ability, and level of difficulty.
- Performers choosing to sing must do so to instrumental sound tracks.
- All youth submitting an entry form are required to audition. All acts will receive notification by email informing them if they have been selected to perform in the Talent Showcase.
- There will be a **MANDATORY** dress rehearsal Thursday, October 9, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for those selected to perform.

IV. AUDITIONS

- Your act must be complete and ready to perform.
- Make sure recorded music does not exceed the allowed time for the act.
- All sound will be monitored and handled by stage staff.

V. ARRIVAL OF PERFORMERS FOR SHOWCASE

- All performances must arrive 1 hour before show time. Please arrive at 5:00 p.m.
- Only performers and group members will be allowed back stage.

Thank you for participating in the City of Montclair's Youth Talent Showcase. For further information please, contact Recreation Coordinator, Emily Gomez-Medina, at (909) 625-9482 or egmedina@cityofmontclair.org