

**GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness  
Battle of the Sinatras Singing Contest  
Saturday, September 21, 2019**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**General**

1. This contest is open to all high school students that will be in the 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the school year 2019 – 2020, and those who graduated from high school in the year 2019, in the Westmoreland County area. No one outside the Westmoreland County area is permitted to audition. Contestants under the age of 18 years old may only participate with the consent of their parent or guardian who must evidence such consent on the application form.

2. Contestants must be amateur singers or entertainers, otherwise be persons who may be involved within the entertainment industry as singers or entertainers on a part-time basis, and do not belong to any professional organization(s) connected with the entertainment industry.

3. Entries for the contest must be received by GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness by Saturday, August 31, 2019. Anyone registering after that may be considered at the discretion of GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness. To enter, contestants may fill out the online application or print the online application form at <https://tinyurl.com/y39tn3x6> and mail it to:

GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness  
Battle of the Sinatras Contest  
C/O Joy Procida  
818 Lowry Avenue  
Jeannette, PA 15644

Or the form can be emailed to: [info@gcsbarts.org](mailto:info@gcsbarts.org)

The time and date that the entry was received will be determined at the sole and absolute discretion of GCSB, Inc.

4. NO ENTRY FEE

5. If a contestant has been found to falsify personal details, they will be disqualified from the contest.

6. By submission of an application and entering into this contest, each contestant represents and warrants his or her compliance with these rules and regulations. No contestant will be permitted to audition unless they have acknowledged and agreed to these rules and regulations.

7. By entering, each contestant agrees that GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness has the right to use their names, likenesses, and images of all persons performing for future advertising, promotion and publicity in any manner and in any medium now known or hereafter devised in perpetuity.

8. By participating in this contest, contestants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges. GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the administration of the contest or in the announcement of the prize.

### **Auditions & Performance**

1. Auditions will take place at 818 Lowry Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644 on Saturday, September 7, 2019, between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., depending on the amount of entries received. The top scoring 6 contestants will compete in the Battle of the Sinatras Concert held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Greensburg Salem Middle School. If you are unable to be present for the audition date, you may submit a video of yourself singing with the background track from the audition material located on the singing contest website via DropBox to [info@gcsbarts.org](mailto:info@gcsbarts.org).

There will be one rehearsal with Glass City Swing Band, Inc. (GCSB, Inc.) that is mandatory on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 818 Lowry Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644. The rehearsal time (sometime between 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.) will be made known to all finalists once they are chosen. There will be a mandatory dress rehearsal on Friday, September 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., Greensburg Salem Middle School, for all finalists.

2. A contestant may only perform as a solo act, and no duets or group performances will be permitted.

3. Props, such as costumes and other accessories are permitted.

4. Contestants will choose two songs to audition with from the audition material posted online at <https://tinyurl.com/y39tn3x6>. Links of YouTube videos for the arrangements are posted there as well. There will also be an audio recording of GCSB, Inc. without vocals posted online for all audition material to be used for practicing and for the audition on Saturday, September 7, 2019. The same audio recordings of GCSB, Inc. that each contestant chooses to sing will be used for their audition as their accompaniment. If picked as one of the 6 finalists, each finalist will sing one of the two songs they auditioned with for the concert. If there are more than two of the same song represented for the Battle of the Sinatras Concert, the judges may suggest to one or more of the 6 finalists to sing another song from the audition material for the Battle of the Sinatras Concert.

5. The time limit for each contestant is 15 minutes. Contestants must audition with one of the songs posted online.

6. Contestants, who during their performance, use any obscene, offensive, sexual or otherwise inappropriate behavior or gestures, including without limitation those referencing or depicting violence, nudity or explicit activity, or which are not in the spirit of the contest or do not meet GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness standards for any reason, as determined by GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness, will be disqualified from the competition.

7. Each contestant, if chosen as a finalist, will sing one prepared song from the audition material and one prepared song of their choice to be performed with piano, drums and bass for a sing off in case of a tie and will rehearse those songs with GCSB, Inc. at the rehearsal date listed above. All 6 finalists will rehearse a group song, learned on their own, to be rehearsed the night of the dress rehearsal with GCSB, Inc., Friday, September 20, 2019, at the Greensburg Salem Middle School.

8. The order in which the 6 finalists will compete in the Battle of the Sinatras Concert on Saturday, September 21, 2019, will be determined by a random drawing taken place the night of the dress rehearsal on Friday, September 20, 2019.

9. All decisions and interpretations regarding the contest, its rules, and the selection of the winner remain with the judges and GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness, and are final.

Judges for the audition will be musicians and/or vocalists.

### **Judging**

Contestants will be voted on by three judges the evening of Saturday, September 21, 2019 during intermission.

### **Prizes**

1. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$300.00 cash, 2nd place \$150.00 cash and 3rd place \$50.00 cash. In the event of a tie, there will be a sing off. The winners who are tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place will each sing a song of their choice. The judges will then select the winner from the sing off. If all judges are not present at the end of the concert, GCSB Arts, Education and Wellness Board Members will choose the winner from the sing off. All prize money is sponsored by Hayden's Pharmacy.

2. The winners will be selected by the judges during intermission, and then results announced during the second half of the Battle of the Sinatras Concert on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Prizes will be awarded the same day at the Battle of the Sinatras Concert after the winners have been announced.