

**CERTIFICATION BY CONTESTANT THAT ALL SEARCH FOR TALENT  
RULES ARE UNDERSTOOD.**

To be eligible to compete in any SEARCH FOR TALENT contest conducted by the individual Exchange Clubs, AREA or REGIONAL divisions of the California/Nevada District Exchange Clubs, or in the DISTRICT contest, contestants must be in compliance with, and in agreement with the following provisions:

1. Be enrolled in either a public school, Parochial school, private school, home study program or school of the arts.
2. Be of **amateur standing** only. Any person who has participated in a professional performance and is under contract through a professional agent for such appearances, will not be eligible to compete. "Professional" as used in a professional performance denotes one undertaking or engaging for money as a means of subsistence in a particular art and is defined as meaning engaged in by professionals as a means of livelihood.
3. May NOT be a member of the immediate family of any Officer, Board Member, or Area Director of the California/Nevada District Exchange Clubs.
4. May have no more than one musical accompanist (to be provided by the contestant).
5. Must have reached their 6th birthday by MAY 31st of any year, and have NOT reached their 19th birthday prior to MAY 31st of the current competitive year.

Contestants who have reached their 6th birthday, but not their 10th birthday by MAY 31st of the current contest year will compete in the PRIMARY division.

Contestants who have reached their 10th birthday, but not their 15th birthday by MAY 31st of the current contest year will compete in the JUNIOR division.

Contestants who have reached their 15th birthday, but not their 19th birthday by MAY 31st of the current contest year will compete in the SENIOR division.

6. A "group" must not exceed three persons including an accompanist.
7. No more than **FOUR (4) MINUTES** are permitted in which to complete each act. Judges will impose penalties of one (1) point for each fifteen (15) seconds exceeding the four minute limit. **Once the four minute period has started, there will be no stopping of the clock for new props or act changes.**
8. I understand that I cannot compete in this contest if I have previously won the District Finals, unless I won the PRIMARY or JUNIOR division contest and DID NOT enter in the next year's Exchange Club SEARCH FOR TALENT program, or, moved up in age division in the next year.
9. Electronic devices that afford prerecorded or programmed accompaniment that constitute a **predominant part** of the act **ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
10. Contestants performing as a "group" composed of more than one age will be classified according to the age of the **oldest** contestant and the "group" must compete in that division.
11. I HAVE NOT COMPETED IN ANY OTHER EXCHANGE CLUB CONTEST THIS YEAR.
12. A contestant should not compete in the CLUB contest if he/she will be unable to continue as a participant in the AREA, REGIONAL, and DISTRICT competitions.

**FOR THOSE CONTESTANTS WHO WILL COMPETE IN THE DISTRICT FINALS**

A hotel room for each contestant who lives more than 30 miles from the Convention Site, will be provided by the California/Nevada District Exchange Clubs FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY. The cost of room and tax only, will be paid directly to the hotel. Each contestant must pay all other charges to the room when checking out of the hotel. Transportation to and from the Convention Site is the responsibility of each contestant and/or the sponsoring club. All room arrangements must be made with the District Co-Chairperson Linda Owens by the cut off date provided to each participant in the District Finals.

I have read the above provisions and understand that failure to comply with these provisions will result in automatic elimination of my act in any one of the SEARCH FOR TALENT Contests. I also understand that when I begin the participation process, I am aware that I have to be able to participate in the District competition on June 17, 2016, in Bakersfield, CA if I become eligible.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature Contestant Signature  
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME CLEARLY PRINTED CONTESTANT NAME CLEARLY PRINTED