

Announcing “Talent Have Me!” ASL Talent Contest

The Southeast Regional Institute on Deafness (SERID) is hosting an American Sign Language only talent competition. The contest is open to anyone in the US and requires all performances to be solely in ASL. We are looking for amateur performers with original material. Performances can be poetry, drama, storytelling, interpreting music, comedy or any thing that entertains. All interested performers can upload a video of their act to our YouTube channel listed below.

Videos are accepted from January 25th, 2010 to 11:59 pm EST, August 31, 2010. The top three acts will be invited to Louisville, KY, the site of the SERID 2010 Conference. At SERID, you will perform in front of a live audience and the winner will be announced. The top three acts that are invited to Louisville will be awarded travel stipends. See the official rules below for more details.

All you need to do is follow the link below and submit your video on our YouTube channel.

<http://www.youtube.com/talenthaveme> (Make sure to submit your videos to the Groups section)

Get your friends and family to visit your video and rate it. We'll pick the performance with the best performance, the greatest number hits and with the the best rating.

Put it on your Facebook page and spread the word. Join our Facebook Group Talent Have Me!

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=193379723597&ref=ts>

Official rules:

TALENT HAVE ME! ASL Talent Contest Rules

http://www.serid.org/serid2/SERID_2010_-_Louisville,_KY/Talent_Have_Me%21/Entries/2010/1/25_THM!_Rules.html

To Enter

There are two (2) steps that need to be taken to enter this contest.

Step 1. Create a YouTube Account

Step 2. Produce an ASL only performance

Produced video should be posted to YouTube. You will need to have a YouTube account in order to do this. For more information on how to post a video response, go to this YouTube help page.

All communication, such as questions regarding the contest and the announcement of our

winners will take place through your YouTube account.

Timing

Contest opens January 25, 2010

Deadline for submissions: 11:59pm EST, August 31, 2010

Signed Performance requirements:

1. Videos should consist of a signed (American Sign Language only) performance of the contestant's choice.
2. Limit one entry per person or group.
3. Entries can be previously produced, although we do encourage the submission of new material.
4. The Video must not contain material that violates or infringes another's rights, including but not limited to privacy, publicity or intellectual property rights, or that constitutes copyright or license infringement.
5. The Video must not contain brand names or trademarks;
6. The Video must not contain material that is inappropriate, indecent (no nudity), obscene, hateful, defamatory, slanderous or libelous;
7. The Video must not contain material that promotes bigotry, racism, hatred or harm against any group or individual or promotes discrimination based on race, sex, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or age;
8. The Video must not contain material that is unlawful, in violation of or contrary to the laws or regulations in any state where Video is created;
9. The SERID Cultural Enrichment Committee based on the above rules can deny entries. Decisions are final and cannot be contested;
10. SERID reserves the right to copy, replay, and retain all video submissions;
11. By submitting a video, you agree to adhere to the above rules.
12. The top three entries that have had the most hits and have adhered to the above rules will be chosen as our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Awards

By entering Talent Have Me! Talent contest, you are committing you and your performance team to travel Louisville, KY. It is the responsibility of the contestants to make all travel arrangements on their own and to pay for travel as needed.

A travel stipend will be awarded to contest winners. The stipend can be used toward travel expenses, i.e., airfare, hotel, food and other miscellaneous expenses.

The top three acts will be invited to attend SERID 2010 in Louisville, KY where they will perform their act live in front of an audience. The live audience will decide the winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Travel stipends amounts will be determined by your final placement. 1st place will win \$1000 USD, 2nd place will win \$500 USD and 3rd place will win \$250 USD travel stipends.

Contact Us

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Best of luck and we look forward to seeing your talent!
-The Talent Have Me! team