



Contest Name: “Summit City’s Top Talent” 2026 (herein defined as the “contest”)

Station: Rhythm & Praise 94.1 (herein defined as the “station”)

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Eligibility:

- Contest is open to legal U.S. residents who are 18 years of age or older at the time of entry.
- Entrants must be legal residents of the Rhythm & Praise 94.1 and WBCL geographical listening area and its terrestrial broadcast signal. Listeners outside of this area, including those listening elsewhere in the world via technology, are not eligible.
- Limit to one entry per person or group.
- Entrants may not be: (a) Rhythm & Praise 94.1/WBCL/Taylor University employees or their parents, spouses, children, siblings, or roommates, (b) employees of participating contest sponsors and promotional partners; (c) persons employed by other radio stations within the station geographical listening area; (d) persons who are winners of the major station contests are ineligible, i.e. Black History Month 2025, Fuel Your Fun 2025 or Spread the Light 2025. Brain Bender 2024, Beef Up Christmas 2024, Which Came First 2025, Favorite Things 2025, Fun in the Sun 2025, and Name the Nom 2025.
- Station will not consider any entries that do not contain truthful information or meet the eligibility requirements as set forth within these or related station rules.
- Station reserves the right to disqualify any participant attempting to tamper with the contest entry process.

How to Enter:

- Submit one (1) 30-second audio or video performance showcasing your singing talent. Any videos over 30 seconds will automatically be disqualified.
- Entries must be submitted via email to toptalent@rnp941.org between January 26 and February 28, 2026.
- No other forms of entry (including social media, mail, or in-person submissions) will be accepted.
- Only one entry per person or group is permitted. Duplicate entries will be disqualified.

Group Entries:

- Groups may consist of no more than five (5) members.
- All group members must meet the eligibility requirements listed above.

Selection of Finalists:

- A panel of Rhythm and Praise employees and Rhythm and Praise Advisory committee will review all submissions and select the Top Ten contestants.
- Finalists will be contacted and announced on the week of March 2, 2026.
- Finalists will compete for the grand prize at the Summit City's Top Talent Show on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Performance Details:

- Selected finalists will perform live-to-backing tracks provided or approved for the competition.
- Piano keys and amp for an electric acoustic guitar will be provided. No other instruments are permitted during the competition.
- Each finalist is limited to 2 minutes and 30 seconds for their performance. Going over performance length automatically disqualifies participant from final 3 consideration.
- Performance tracks must be provided in .wav format 3 weeks prior to performance.
- If performing with keys or guitar, performer must notify Rhythm and Praise 3 weeks prior to performance.
- The song performed in the competition must be the same song submitted in the audition.
- Performer must be available for walk through on Friday, April 17 from 5 PM to 9 PM, and for performances on Saturday April 18 from 3 PM to 10 PM.
- Performances will be live at Brotherhood Mutual's Event center located at 6400 Brotherhood Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.
- Video performances will not be considered; finalists must perform live at the event.

Judging and Winner Selection:

- Final performances will be judged by a panel of local judges and influenced by audience votes during the live event.
- Judges' and audience decisions are final.
- Each audience member is given one vote for round one and one vote for the final 3.
- The first-place winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

General Conditions:

By entering, participants grant Rhythm and Praise the right to use their name, likeness, and performance materials for promotional purposes without additional compensation.

Rhythm and Praise reserves the right to modify or cancel the contest at any time for any reason.

Contestants are responsible for any travel or personal expenses related to participation in the live show.

By entering, participants agree to abide by all contest rules and decisions, which are final.

Station will not disclose or sell entrant's personal information to parties that are not affiliated with the station.

All entrants failing to comply with these rules will be disqualified.

By participating at any level in the contest, you agree to be bound by these contest rules.

Additional Prize Information

- No purchase necessary. Purchase does not increase odds of winning. Void where prohibited. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible Contest participants.
- Prize is not transferable without approval from station and sponsor.
- Station is not responsible for loss or damage of prize.
- Winner is responsible for federal, state and local taxes if the prize value exceeds \$600; winner will receive an IRS form 1099 and a copy of such form will be filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Prize is released upon completions and return of form; failure to be willing to provide a completed W-9 form will result in forfeiture of prize; station reserves the right to select another winner.
- Upon receiving the completed form, station will file an IRS Form 1099-Misc with the IRS and mail a copy to the winner. Winner is then required to file it with the IRS.

Conditions

By participating, each contest participant waives any and all claims of liability The WBCL Radio Network, Taylor University, its officers, directors, employees, agents and contest sponsors for any damage or personal injury or loss which may occur from participation in the contest or from the use of prizes awarded by the station.

Station reserves the right to require contest winners to sign and return a liability release form prior to acceptance and receiving of any prize awarded by station.

By participating in the contest, the winner(s) agree to have their name, voice and/or likeness used in any advertising or broadcasting material relating to the contest without additional financial or other compensation and may be required to sign a publicity release confirming such consent prior to acceptance of the prize.

By entering, entrants acknowledge they have read, understood, accepted and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of these Official Contest Rules, as they may be amended from time to time. Entrants may not sell, assign or transfer any of their rights under these Official Contest Rules or as may be granted throughout this Promotion. Entries that do not comply with all requirements stated in these Rules will not be considered and will be disqualified.