



Rotarian Idol 2015 Audition Information:

Audition Dates: Auditions are from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Jan 8 and from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Jan 10. These are the only audition dates and no other arrangements will be made. Auditions are at the SALT Block Auditorium, 243 Third Ave NE, Hickory.

There is a \$5 entry fee. Contestants may start signing up to audition at 5:00 on January 8th and 1:30 on January 10th. The deadline for contestants to sign up to audition is 30 minutes before the end of each session. January 8th auditions 5:30 - 7:00 – the deadline to sign up is 6:30. January 10th auditions 2:00 - 3:30 – the deadline to sign up is 3:00.

This is a solo singing competition; other types of acts are not accepted. This is a competition for amateurs, no professional entertainers may enter. If you were paid \$600 or more in salary or prize money for singing or performing in 2014 you are NOT eligible to compete (IRS guidelines).

There is no upper or lower age limit and contestants will not be divided into divisions, so youth will be competing with adults and vice versa. There will be only one winner for each prize. 1st prize = \$2,500, 2nd prize = \$1,500, 3rd prize = \$500 and the Audience Favorite receives \$500.

Any singers who are under 18 at the time of the audition must have written parental consent to enter the competition. There is no child care or supervision provided for under-age singers so one parent or guardian must be backstage during the show.

Auditions are a cappella, there is no accompaniment provided and each contestant will only be allowed to sing a few bars of their song. So come prepared to be your best.

There are only **20** slots available at the final competition.

Contestants are **required** to attend rehearsal Saturday, March 7th from 2:30-5:00 pm. There is also optional professional coaching available through Jeff Hartman at Hickory Arts. Finalists are strongly urged to take advantage of this free opportunity.

If chosen, contestants will be required to provide an accompaniment track on CD for their song at the final competition. Instead of a CD, any contestant may choose to accompany him/herself on guitar or piano. **Accompaniment CD's must be in before February 28 and no changes will be made.**

Service Project: in alignment with Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self" all contestants are asked to complete three hours of community service **to receive 10 bonus points toward their final score.** You'll be asked to choose one of two group projects scheduled for Feb 21 or Mar 7.

Competitors' families do not receive any complimentary tickets. This is a fundraising event to benefit the local education initiatives of the Hickory Rotary Club.

If you have more questions please contact John Rambo, Managing Director of the Hickory Community Theatre at (828) 327-3855 ext 103 or email john@hickorytheatre.org.