



Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey

2018 New Jersey Shout Down Drugs®

CONTEST RULES



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ALL CONTESTANTS MUST:

- be a **High School Student**, in Grades 9 through 12, in good standing with their school.
(For students enrolled in a NJ high school equivalency program, please contact the program coordinator for eligibility.)
- be a **resident of New Jersey**.
- Contestants can enter as an **individual or a group**; [Groups cannot exceed six (6) students]

SONGS MUST:

- be **completely original music and lyrics** with no copyright infringement violations.
- be **no more than 3 (THREE) minutes in length**.
- contain a **strong prevention message**.
- **Copyright-protected songs:** Please carefully read Paragraph 5 of the Copyright License, Talent and Release Agreement before entering contest.

MUSIC/LYRICS: Two versions of your song must be submitted:

- One version must contain **music and all vocals**.
- One version must contain **music only** (soundtrack/instrumental) *If you wish to perform at the Concert to a recorded soundtrack instead of live instruments, please include any background vocals on this track).
- Must be submitted electronically, **in an MP3 format**. (Any other format will not upload) Follow uploading instructions on www.ShoutDownDrugs.com/register. (Anyone who cannot meet this requirement should contact the program coordinator.)
- **Typed lyrics**, with a song title, must be uploaded with music.

- **TWO FORMS:** must be completed by all participants and mailed. (*see below*). **GROUPS must mail forms together.**
- **PHOTO: Must upload with your music.** Be as creative as you like, but you must follow copyright rules.
(Groups: one group photo only). PDFNJ reserves the right to reject any images it deems unacceptable.

CONCERT: Each participant **MUST BE AVAILABLE** to perform at the Prevention Concert on **Friday, April 27, 2018, at Daytop-NJ, Mendham, New Jersey. Rehearsal at 3:00 P.M./Concert 7:00 P.M., if chosen as a Finalist. Participants who are not available on this date will be disqualified from the contest.**

- **Groups:** No substitutions are allowed for any group member who cannot perform on April 27, 2018. Remaining group members may still perform if they wish but must contact program administrator for permission.
- **Chaperones** must accompany Finalists to Rehearsal (3:00 PM) and Concert (7:00 PM) on April 27, 2018.

ENTRY FORMS

Available at www.ShoutDownDrugs.com, or by calling 973-467-2100, x19.

- INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE REJECTED-

- **Entry Form (NJSDD18-1)** –Groups: Group members must complete own separate Entry Forms and mail together.**
- **Copyright License, Assignment and Talent and Release Agreement (NJSDD18-2)**
Groups: One form per group **but each group member or parent/guardian must sign.** **

If **under the age of 18, both forms must be signed by parent or legal guardian. If **over the age of 18** proof of age must be included (copy of **birth certificate** or **driver's license**).

DEADLINE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

- **Song, Soundtrack/Instrumental, Photo and Lyrics must be uploaded on www.ShoutDownDrugs.com/register.**
** DO NOT WAIT FOR THE LAST DAY TO UPLOAD to allow time for possible technical difficulties!!
- **Entry Forms Postmarked no later than Thursday, FEBRUARY 1, 2018** and mailed or delivered to:
Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey, NJSDD, 155 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey 07041.

- Independent panels of judges will select County Finalists to perform in the Statewide Concert and select the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners at the Concert.
- Judges will select one Finalist from each of New Jersey's 21 participating counties to perform at the Prevention Concert; however, PDFNJ reserves the right to select additional "Wildcard" Finalists.
- Participants will represent the county where they reside, not where they attend school. (*For group entries, the group leader's residing county is the group's official county of entry.*)
- **Online Voting Dates:**
All Entries posted: 2/16/18–3/2/18 → Contestant with most online votes becomes **Automatic Finalist!**
Finalists posted: 3/5/17–4/26/18 → Finalists' total online votes will be combined with Judges' scores night of concert to help select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners.

Finalists Will Be Announced Mon., March 5, 2018, at 3:00 PM on www.ShoutDownDrugs.com and www.DrugFreeNJ.org:

- Each Finalist is required to perform at the Statewide Concert on Friday., April 27, 2018 at Daytop-NJ, Mendham, New Jersey. (Rehearsal 3:00 P.M., Concert 7:00 P.M.)
ALL FINALISTS MUST ATTEND THE 3:00 PM REHEARSAL.
- First, Second and Third Place Winners will be chosen at this event.
- All decisions are final.

JUDGING CRITERIA ~ *Emphasis will be placed on your Prevention Message* ~

1. Prevention Message/Lyrics:

- Is the message clear?
- Is the message effective in peer to peer substance abuse prevention?

2. Originality:

- Does the song motivate/inspire peers to be drug-free?
- Does the song inform peers about the dangers of substance abuse?

3. Voice / Performance

PRIZES

First Place Winner (*individual or group*)

- will be awarded a \$5,000 "Music Contract"
- will be required to perform their winning song at a minimum of four (4) separate statewide events*, which shall be determined at a future date. Prize will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the music contract and contingent on performance at scheduled PDFNJ events.

Second Place Winner (*individual or group*)

- will be awarded a \$3,000 "Music Contract"
- will be required to perform their winning song at a minimum of three (3) separate statewide events*, which shall be determined at a future date. Prize will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the music contract and contingent on performance at scheduled PDFNJ events.

Third Place Winner (*individual or group*)

- will be awarded a \$2,000 "Music Contract"
- will be required to perform their winning song at a minimum of two (2) statewide events*, which shall be determined at a future date. Prize will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the music contract and contingent on performance at scheduled PDFNJ event

*Winners are responsible for their own transportation to each of these events and minors must be accompanied by a chaperone 21 or older. PLEASE NOTE, if a group is chosen as the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place Winner, the prize money will be divided equally among group members.

EXCLUSIONS

Contest is **not open to past New Jersey Shout Down Drugs® Winners** but other past contestants may enter. Contest is not open to employees and immediate family members of PDFNJ, nor any Sponsor of this contest.

~ **End of Rules** ~