

**WATAUGA EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
SHOOTING STARS 2019  
PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE**

**Performing Arts County Audition Entry Deadline:** Friday, March 1, 2019 by 4:00pm (*to the county office ATT: Performing Arts / Shooting Stars*)

**Countywide Auditions:** Saturday, March 16, 2019, 8am-6pm at The Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts. Once all entries are received, each act will be assigned a time slot for an audition. They will not be there all day. There are no makeup days.

**\*Large Group/Multi-school Auditions:** If a group contains **6 or more performers** from different schools they may opt to enter as a multi-school group. These groups must adhere to all of the same Shooting Stars guidelines.

**SHOOTING STARS 2019 Dress Rehearsals:** Tuesday, April 9th and Thursday, April 11th at Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts. These are mandatory as stated in the guidelines. **If you cannot make these rehearsals, please remove your submission for auditions and allow a space for another student.**

**SHOOTING STARS 2019 SHOW: Friday, April 12, 2019 at 6:30pm** **If you are unable to attend the show in its entirety (as requested in the guidelines) please remove your submission for auditions.**

**PERFORMING ARTS AUDITION GUIDELINES**

1. County auditions will be held on **Saturday, March 16** at Schaefer Center for Performing Arts. These are the only county audition dates and no exceptions will be made for acts who are unable to audition on these dates. Each elementary school is invited to send up to ten acts to the county audition. WHS is invited to send up to fourteen acts
2. An entry form for each act must be completed and signed by a sponsoring teacher or principal. A signed parent permission form for each performer in that act including accompanists must accompany each entry form. **Completed entry forms and permission forms are due on or before Friday, March 1, 2019** at Watauga County Schools Central Office, Attention: Shooting Stars/Performing Arts.
3. A Watauga County Public School teacher or principal must sponsor each act. The sponsor will serve as the primary liaison between the Shooting Stars committee and the students in the act.  
**\*\*Multi-school acts must follow all submission guidelines but will be sponsored directly by the committee. (defined as 6 or more students in 1 act from multiple schools)**

4. While the Foundation's work benefits students of the Watauga County School System, we recognize that from time to time an act may include talent of students outside of our school system. Therefore, 50% or more of the students in any act must be enrolled in the Watauga County School System (WCS), grades K-12.
5. All acts must be made up of school aged students. (See #6 for accompanist guidelines)
6. Vocalists may have up to two accompanists and instrumentalists may have one. Accompanists do not have to be students, but the student's talent should be that which is showcased, not the accompanist. Dance acts may not include professional dancers or instructors.
7. No student will be allowed to audition in more than two acts. This includes invited acts - students who have been invited to perform in this act should only audition for one act if they choose to participate in an invited act.
8. The number of students in an act will not be limited, however, no more than four acts with 30 or more students will be chosen for the show.
9. "Professional" acts will not be allowed to participate under the name of the business from which they receive their instruction. However, if these students wish to audition, they may do so under a different name as long as the criteria in these guidelines are followed.
10. Each act must have a name. The act name should NOT reflect the school where the students in that act are from.
11. Live animals are not allowed in any act.
12. Acts may not exceed 5 minutes including set-up, performance and exit. If it exceeds 5 minutes, it will be disqualified.
13. If the act involves an instrument, acoustical instruments are preferred. Electronic instruments are allowed but please be aware of set-up and exit time requirements.
14. A piano with bench and hand held microphones (or mic stands) will be provided. All other equipment must be supplied by auditioning act.
15. Pre-recorded music and other digital media may be used but must be submitted on a CD-R (photos included in a performance may be on a flash drive) Consistently, music downloaded using iTunes or an MP3 file will work. If not, an act may be disqualified. Please make copies, as there is no guarantee of discs being returned. Always bring a back up to auditions.
16. Acts must be performed in Shooting Stars EXACTLY as they were performed in county auditions. This includes costumes, instruments, props, recordings and accompanists.
17. Appropriate attire is required and should not be suggestive or lewd. Offensive humor, racial or ethnic slurs, inappropriate dress, offensive language or offensive music lyrics will automatically be disqualified.

18. The content of any act must be appropriate for the age group of the performers and subject to judges' approval.
19. Parents who sign the permission form are agreeing that Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts rehearsals are MANDATORY in order to be in the show.
20. Parents who sign the permission form also agree that their child MUST remain in the balcony (or a backstage room to be determined by WEF) for the entire show and may not leave prior to the end of the show. Performers will be supervised by WEF volunteers at all times including moving from the balcony (or backstage room) to the stage and back.
21. Auditions and rehearsals are closed to parents, guardians, relatives, friends, teachers and sponsors.
22. Adults / Chaperones/ instructors, who are not accompaniment, are NOT allowed to come into the auditorium during auditions and are not allowed backstage or in the auditorium during rehearsals.
23. Parents and/or students not willing to comply with these requirements are advised to withdraw from Shooting Stars 2019 prior to the County Audition.
24. Following the County Audition, the acts selected to perform in Shooting Stars 2019 will be publicly announced on a date and time to be determined by the Shooting Stars committee.
25. The Watauga Education Foundation has the sole discretion to determine whether or not an act meets the criteria set forth in these Guidelines.