# So You Want Your Name In Lights (SYWYNIL) TALENT SHOWCASE and TEEN TALK WORKSHOP 2026 - Rules and Regulations

#### TALENT SHOWCASE OPPORTUNITY (NO FEES TO APPLY AND PARTICIPATE)

Participants are expected to perform monthly during the 2026 showcase season. Youth who participate in four (4) consecutive showcases are eligible for up to \$500 scholastic awards presented at the FINALE scheduled Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Grand Ave Neighborhood Center, 800 Grand Street, Orlando, Florida 32805.

#### TALENT SHOWCASE AND WORKSHOP DETAILS

All events are held on Saturdays. MANDATORY Talent Development/Critiques sessions immediately follow performances and teen talk workshops. Monthly attendance requires a minimum of 3-hours participation. After showcase season concludes, awardees agree to perform, when available, during at least ONE of SYWYNIL other activities, i.e. summer camp closing program, youth biz marketplace pop up shops, or MLK parade. SYWYNIL is not responsible for repairing and/or replacing any items received from the talent showcase scholastic awards account.

### **TALENT PERFORMANCE POLICY**

- \*Lyrics must not contain the "N-word" or any profanity.
- \*Lyrics must not make any reference to violence including guns, killing, suicide, fighting, etc.
- \*Lyrics must not make any references to degrading of females and gang influences.
- \* Performance time is **3 minutes MAX**; **DISQUALIFIED** if performance exceeds time limit.

#### DRESS CODE

- \* Pants must be worn at the waist
- \* No tears, rips, or holes in clothing
- \* Bare midriffs and sides may not show
- \* Clothing that is too tight or revealing is prohibited
- \* Hemlines of shorts, dresses and skirts shall be no shorter than mid-thigh
- \* Shoulders must be covered at all times
- \* No hats, sunglasses, bandanas, or pajama wear

## **CELL PHONE POLICY**

All electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, tablets, headphones, earbuds, etc.) must be turned off and/or set on vibration to avoid interference during workshops and performances.

#### TALENT SHOWCASE SECURITY POLICY

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So You Want Your Name in Lights (SYWYNIL) Youth Mentoring Program is NOT responsible for any lost, misplaced, or stolen items at any time. NO WEAPONS PERMITTED OR ALLOWED.

# COVID-19 PROTOCOL PROCEDURES

- \* Face mask covering is optional
- \* Hand Sanitizers are available at the venue.