



YOUTH TALENT SHOWCASE

“Where Stars Are Born”

October 9, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Applications Due: Friday, September 25, 2026

Email or hand deliver application to:

Recreation Center Building, Front Desk

Open Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Attention: Emily Gomez-Medina

5111 Benito Street

Montclair, CA 91763

Mandatory Auditions: Wednesday, September 30, 2026

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Montclair Community Center

Must bring proof of Montclair residency and/or school verification to audition.

For information, please contact Recreation Coordinator Emily Gomez-Medina at
(909) 625-9482 or egmedina@montclairca.gov



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I. GENERAL RULES

1. There are no entry fees.
2. To enter the Youth Talent Showcase, you or one member of your group must attend a Montclair elementary, middle school, or high school and/or live in Montclair and be between the ages of 6-17. Proof of residency and/or school verification will be required at audition. Proof of residency in the form of: recent utility bills, identification (school or government issued), report card (school loop) etc.
3. Type of performances accepted: singing, dancing, skits, stand-up comedy, and musical groups (bands). Other acts may be permitted under the discretion of the Recreation Coordinator.
4. Only one song per act.
5. No group or individual will be rejected from entering or performing in the Youth Talent Showcase on the basis of sex, race, creed, age, origin or color.
6. Acts having unacceptable attire, language, strong sexual/violent lyrics, etc., will be automatically disqualified.
7. Performances should not exceed 5 minutes in length.
8. All relatives of City employees, City Council Members, Planning Commission, and Community Activities Commission Members are not eligible to participate.
9. A minimum of 10 acts are required in order to hold the event and a maximum of 18 acts will be permitted to perform in the talent showcase. Prior to the mandatory auditions you will be notified of the event status.

II. ENTRY FORMS

- Entry forms are available at the Recreation Center building front desk, 5111 Benito Street, Montclair, during operating hours. (Monday– Friday 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.).
- Complete the entry form and return it to the Recreation Center building front desk, by Friday, September 25 or email egmedina@montclairca.gov
- Each member of an act must complete an entry form containing a waiver of liability, to be signed by parent or guardian.

III. SELECTING AND SCHEDULING ENTERTAINMENT

- Auditions will be held Wednesday, September 30, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This is a **MANDATORY** audition. Acts must be performed as they will be performed for the Talent Showcase.
- All performers will be judged by stage presence, originality, skill and ability, and level of difficulty.
- Performers choosing to sing must do so to instrumental sound tracks.
- All youth submitting an entry form are required to audition. All acts will receive notification by email informing them if they have been selected to perform in the Talent Showcase.
- There will be a **MANDATORY** dress rehearsal Thursday, October 8, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for those selected to perform.

IV. AUDITIONS

- Your act must be complete and ready to perform.
- Make sure recorded music does not exceed the allowed time for the act.
- All sound will be monitored and handled by stage staff.

V. ARRIVAL OF PERFORMERS FOR SHOWCASE

- All performances must arrive one (1) hour before show time. Please arrive at 5:00 p.m.
- Only performers and group members will be allowed back stage.

Thank you for participating in the City of Montclair's Youth Talent Showcase. For further information please, contact Recreation Coordinator Emily Gomez-Medina at (909) 625-9482 or egmedina@montclairca.gov



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Application

Email application to egmedina@montclairca.gov or hand deliver to the Montclair Recreation Center Building 5111 Benito Street, Montclair (Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

Please submit application on or before Friday, September 25, 2026
One entry form for each member of act

Date: _____

Performer's Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ DOB: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you a relative of a City Employee, City Council Member, Planning Commission Member, or Community Activities Commission Member? Yes ____ No ____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of act (as it will be introduced): _____

Number of performers in household: _____ Description of performance: _____

Name(s) of participant(s): _____

Primary contact person for act: _____

Bring music and/or any other props needed for your act. Have music ready to play on cue. Put your name and phone number on your music. Only one song per act is allowed. Auditions will perform in order of sign in. Performance must be appropriate for the general public. Acts having unacceptable dress, language, strong sexual/violent lyrics, etc., will not be permitted to enter the Talent Showcase.

After auditions are completed, all acts will receive an email informing them if they have been invited to perform in the Talent Showcase. The act cannot change and must be performed as it was presented during the auditions.

Due Dates

Applications due: Friday, September 25, 2026
Mandatory Audition: Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Mandatory Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, October 8, 2026
Talent Showcase: Friday, October 9, 2026

OFFICE USE ONLY

Proof of Montclair residency and/or school attendance: YES NO
Form of Verification: _____



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Waivers

RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____, do hereby voluntarily agree and fully understand to allow the minor named above to participate in the City of Montclair activities, ("hereinafter Programs"), exposes me and/or my child to the risk of personal injury, death, or property damage. I also understand and acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and that my participation in these Programs may cause me to be exposed or infected by COVID-19 and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death. I hereby acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in these Programs and agree to assume any such risks, including the risks of injuries from cuts, sprains, back injury, broken bones, and falls on public property.

I hereby release, discharge and agree not to sue the City of Montclair, its officers, agents, employees, contractors, volunteers and representatives (hereinafter "City"), and/or any co-participants, for any injury, death, or damage to or loss of personal property arising out of, or in connection with, my participation, or the participation of my family members, in the Programs from whatever cause, including the active or passive negligence of the City, of the instructor/coach, or of any other participants in the Programs.

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Programs, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, that I shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City from any and all claims, demands, actions, or suits arising out of or in connection with my participation, or the participation of my family members, in the Programs. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT IT IS A FULL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

I, _____, hereby consent to participate/consent to the participation of the above named minor on the terms and conditions set forth above, and I hereby agree to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City as set forth above.

X _____ Date: _____
Signature (Adult Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian of Participant)

MEDIA RELEASE

I hereby give the City of Montclair, its legal representatives and assigns, the right and permission to, adapt, modify, reproduce, distribute, publicly perform and display, in any form now known or later developed, my child's image or visual likeness, name and/or voice, as well as writing, creations and artwork created by my child, by incorporating it or them into publications, catalogues, brochures, newsletters, photo exhibits, videos taken during activities or at special events sponsored by the City of Montclair where me or my children may appear, webpages, and/or other media or commercial, informational, educational, training, advertising, recruiting or promotional materials relating thereto using any means, method or media which the City of Montclair deems appropriate in its sole discretion. I make this grant of rights with the understanding that no compensation will be paid to me or my child for such grant.

I hereby warrant that I, the undersigned parent or guardian, am over eighteen (18) years of age and am competent to contract in my own name so far as the above material is concerned and that neither I nor my child has any pre-existing obligation that may restrict or limit my ability to sign this Authorization and Release.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print name)

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

Date