



Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey

2020 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, Assignment & Talent Release before entering the 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. (If you cannot meet this requirement, contact the program coordinator for assistance.)
- **Typed lyrics**, with a song title, must be copied and pasted into designated lyric field on the upload site.

- **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 3, 2020, at Two River Theater, Red Bank, New Jersey. Rehearsal at 3:30 P.M./Concert 7:30 P.M., if chosen as a Finalist.**
***Please check your school calendars before entering contest. Participants who are not available on April 3 will be disqualified from the contest.**

- **Groups:** No substitutions are allowed for any group member who cannot perform on April 3, 2020. Remaining group members may still perform if they wish but must contact program administrator for permission.

ENTRY FORMS

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

- INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE REJECTED-

- **Entry Form (NJSDD20 – 1) –Groups:** Group members must complete individual Entry Forms and mail together.**
- **Copyright License, Assignment and Talent Release (NJSDD20 – 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: FRIDAY, JANUARY 10:

- **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 Friday, JANUARY 10, 2020** 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 at the Prevention 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: 1/17/20–1/31/20 → Contestant with most online votes becomes **Automatic Finalist!**
Finalists posted: 2/3/20–4/2/20 → 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., February 3, 2020, at 3:00 PM on www.ShoutDownDrugs.com and www.DrugFreeNJ.org:

- Each Finalist is required to perform at the Prevention Concert on April 3 at Two River Theater, Red Bank, NJ. (Rehearsal 3:30 P.M., Concert 7:30 P.M.)
ALL FINALISTS MUST ATTEND THE 3:30 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 use and 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 and misuse?

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 five (5) 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 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 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** ~