



The talent competition this year will be judged in the following categories:

Category 1-Singing
Category 2-Spoken Word

To participate – you must be registered to attend the NHSA's 31st Parent Conference and Family Engagement Institutes. [Click here for registration details!](#)

Talent Show Ground-Rules

- Head Start's Got Talent, Wednesday December 10, 2014 – Morning auditions, 9 to 12 noon, evening finale, 7-9 pm
- Once registered, all contestants must complete an application (attached).
- If contestants are performing as an individual act (solo), then he/she should strive to have as much of an individual performance as possible. NO BACK-UP SINGERS or DANCERS etc. may have an active role in the audition. Background singing on a recording is not allowed.
- **Important Information:** All contestants must sing acapella during the auditions. Background music maybe used during the evening finale.
- ALL recorded music for any act must be on a CD. The CD must be clearly marked for that act and contain No other Music!
- A sound system will be provided (microphones & playback of recorded music)
- NHSA staff, Board members are ineligible to audition.

Each act will be judged on the following:

- How well the act is presented
- Appearance/ proper attire
- Poise
- Overall performance
- Audience appeal

Rubric guidelines

- Contestant will have a maximum of 2 minutes to perform their talent at the audition on Wednesday morning.
- A point system will be used by which the contestants may receive from one (1) to five (5) points in each category.
- One being the lowest score and Five being the highest.
- A total of 25 points maximum may be awarded. Gold cards will be awarded to those advancing to the Finale.
- Contestants with the highest votes will move on to the evening Finale on Wednesday evening.

Prizes

- First Prize: \$500 & Opportunity to sing at the opening of the 2015 Annual Conference
- Second Prize: \$250
- Third Prize: \$100

2014 NHSA Talent Show Application

Completed registration form must be returned to Nardos Abebe via e-mail: nabebe@nhsa.org by December 2, 2014

(Name)

(Program Name)

(Address)

(Phone #)

Check the talent category and division you will be performing in:

Category 1 - **Singing**

Category 2 - **Spoken Word**

Specify Performance:

Title of piece to be performed:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>1 (low) to 5 (highest)</u>	<u>Notes</u>
How well the act is presented		
Appearance/ proper attire		
Poise		
Overall performance		
Audience appeal		