

How the McKendree Idol Competition Works:

These rules supersede any prior printed rules on the McKendree Idol Contest

General Information:

1. The purpose of the McKendree Idol competition is two-fold:
 1. It is a fun event that showcases the talents of our McKendree students.
 2. **McKendree Idol serves as a fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Breast Cancer Fund. 2012 marks the ninth year for McKendree Idol, and to date, CLIO and Campus Activities Board have raised over \$7000 to aid in breast cancer research.**
2. The competition has three levels: auditions (February 12, elimination (March 1), and final competition (April 4). This event has filled The Hett each of the last five years! The final event is a ticketed event. Students may pick up their free student ticket for the McKendree Idol Finals on Friday, March 30 between 11am and 3pm in the CAB Office). Cost after March 30 is only \$2. **Feel free to donate to a worthy cause as well!** Cost for faculty, staff, and non-students is \$5.00. **All ticket monies will be donated to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Breast Cancer Fund.**

Prizes:

1. **Finalists (Top 6)**
 1. All Finalists will receive a \$20 Subway gift card for their participation
 1. Highest Donation Award
 1. i-Pod Nano to the contestant that raises the most money
 2. Contestant Donations are due on Monday, April 2 at Idol rehearsal.
 2. McKendree Idol – Best Overall Performance
 1. \$250 Cash Prize
 2. Judges will comment on individuals' songs during the final competition, but will also be scoring for the Overall Winner, based on: vocal skill (20 points), showmanship (10 points) and stage presence (10 points).
 2. **All contestants should stop by the CAB Office or email Craig Robertson at croberts@mckendree.edu for clarity of competition rules and contestant information.**

Auditions

1. Auditions will take place on Sunday, February 12 at 7pm in PAC 212 (room TBA).
2. Auditions will be a 3 minute maximum, a cappella version of a song of your choice. It does not have to be the song that you would use in the Eliminations or Finals Round.
3. Contestants will be judged by 2 CAB Executive Board and 2 CLIO members, who will decide if the contestant will advance on to the elimination round.
4. Auditions will be video taped, and we encourage contestants of all types to participate.
5. Judges decisions are final.

Elimination Rounds:

1. Contestants advancing to the elimination round will meet to select their music shortly after auditions in the Lair. **If you know what your Elimination Round song will be at the conclusion of Auditions, please tell us then.**
2. Songs picked should be karaoke versions (no words). If other accompaniment is necessary (your own CD, piano, guitar, etc.), it must be cleared at the contestant meeting. Any songs that contain explicit lyrics are prohibited. Clean versions of the song may be substituted. **Also, please note that some currently played songs may not be available in karaoke format.**
3. The elimination rounds will be held on **Thursday, March 1 at 8:30pm in The Lair. Seating will be limited and first come, first served.**
4. Contestant order for each night will be random.
5. Dress and showmanship are strongly encouraged for the Elimination and Finals Rounds.
6. Elimination judges will be comprised of our finals judges.
 1. Each singer will get to perform a song, Karaoke style. Judges will comment on each contestant's performance, and score each based on vocal skill (20 points), showmanship (10 points) and stage presence (10 points).
 2. After all performers have completed their songs, the judges will tally scores to name the top performers. Our goal is to get to the top 6 performers.
7. After the finalists are announced, the top performers will receive their donation jars for the Highest Donation total competition.
 1. Donation Jars are due to the CAB Office by April 2 at Idol Rehearsal.
 2. Most importantly, **tell your family and friends** to come and support you as you compete for McKendree Idol!
8. The top performers will be announced to campus by email and posters around campus.
9. Contestants going to the final round will each receive a \$20 Subway Gift Card.

Final Competition (April 4 @ 8:30pm in The Hettenhausen Center for the Arts)

1. Please make sure you pick songs you are comfortable with and can practice and learn.
 1. Your finals song should be picked before the final elimination round. Last minute changes of songs will not be allowed. Contestants should have plenty of time to practice their songs, so please pick something you can sing well.
 2. **BTW...Did we mention practice? Please use your time wisely to polish the song you chose**
2. McKendree Idol Rehearsal
 1. Monday, April 2 (time TBA) in the Hett
 2. Performers that have made it to the final round will meet to go over show details and to become familiar with the Hett stage area.
3. On performance night, April 4, contestants should be at the Hett no later than 7:30pm.
4. Donation jars will be placed at each of the entrances to the Hett, and will be manned by the Hett ushers.
5. Singers' order will be decided by random draw prior to the show.
6. Each performer will sing their song to completion in the final round.
7. Songs will once again be performed Karaoke style, however only music will be played, and no words will be present on screen.
8. Judges will comment on individuals' songs, but will also be scoring for the Overall Winner, based on: vocal skill (20 points), showmanship (10 points) and stage presence (10 points).
9. After each singer completes their song, there will be an intermission featuring information about breast cancer awareness, clips from the audition and elimination rounds, and words from our selected emcee for the evening
10. At the end of the competition, our host will reveal the Highest Donation winner, the amount raised by the fundraiser, and the 2012 McKendree Idol winner.
11. We ask that the Idol winner return for the following year's competition.