

## GUIDELINES FOR STATE TALENT APPLICATION

### APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY **FEBRUARY 15 (NEW DATE)!!!**

1. Applications need to be **received** by February 15<sup>th</sup> **FIRST save the application before you begin filling it out.** If more applications are received than can be accepted, we may base the selection on when the application was received.
2. Applicants must submit the **completed, signed application** along with **either a video on DVD or YouTube link** of their performance. You **must** provide the performance you plan to perform at Convention. No performance should be longer than 4 minutes.
3. Members have the option of sending the performance either by DVD, Thumb Drive, or use the following directions for Email and YouTube (PREFERRED).

#### **Email is the preferred method for submitting recorded auditions and applications.**

- Step 1: Go to <http://www.youtube.com>. You will need to create an account if you don't already have one. If you need help on uploading videos go to: <http://support.google.com/youtube/bin/topic.py?hl=en&topic=2888648>.
- Step 2: Upload your video to YouTube.
- Step 3: Set the video's privacy as **unlisted** under Privacy.
- Step 4: Email the following items to Keith Dietzschold, MO Executive Secretary, at [keith.dietzschold@dese.mo.gov](mailto:keith.dietzschold@dese.mo.gov)
  - Item 1: A copy of your completed, signed application. (if using this method you will need to print and have signed the application then scan back into a document to email our office)
  - Item 2: Audition YouTube link (this link should be included in the body of the email to remain a hyperlink)

The student will send a YouTube video similar to this: <https://youtu.be/IQp9GBtvcvw> (copy this link into your browser to review)

When uploading a video – one can mark it “private” or “unlisted.” We prefer unlisted – as this means the general public cannot search for this video and it show up in the search. Many students often mistakenly list the video as “private” – which means only the person who uploaded the video may see it. We will have to follow up and ask the applicant to change the settings from “private” to “unlisted.”

4. Participants need to arrive **at least one-half hour** before the session they are to perform for equipment set-up.
5. We are planning a Friday noon talent review in the FFA Career Show.
6. Participants must be accompanied by their advisor or a responsible adult approved by the school.
7. Participants are reminded that they are FFA members and their appearance should be appropriate. Please wear (in the video you submit) the outfit you plan on wearing at the convention performance. Otherwise we will be expecting Official Dress.
8. Participants should realize they are performing for a large group of people in a large auditorium.
9. Microphones and a piano (Clavanova Keyboard) will be furnished; **all other equipment will need to be supplied by the performers.**
10. The State FFA Association is not responsible for damaged or lost equipment.
11. Props and scenery are discouraged due to limited space and time.
12. Background music should be burned on to CD ROM or DVD. If an accompaniment DVD is used it must contain only the song you are going to perform. (2 songs = 2 DVD's). We also will have the capability to use iPods and iPhones if your headphones will hook into the phone. This is preferred at the Career Show and the sessions. Bring this music with you as we will not have your audition CD or YouTube link with us.
13. **The list of selected applicants and their scheduled appearance will be made public by March 31<sup>st</sup>!!**

#### **SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND AUDITIONS TO:**

MISSOURI FFA ASSOCIATION  
Attention: Keith Dietzschold  
PO Box 480  
205 Jefferson St.  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

#### **IF USING THE EMAIL AND YOUTUBE SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:**

Email the completed application and YouTube link to [keith.dietzschold@dese.mo.gov](mailto:keith.dietzschold@dese.mo.gov)