



# American Royal Youth National Anthem Contest

**American Royal Competitive Educational Activity Coordinator:**

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**Entry Deadline:** 11:59 PM CST on September 30, 2024

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## About

The purpose of the American Royal Youth National Anthem Contest is to encourage youth exhibitors to showcase their talents through song and be given the opportunity to sing live at the American Royal National Championship Horse Show in November. This contest is open to all youth who have participated in an American Royal Association event.

Participants must be willing and able to perform publicly at the American Royal National Championship Horse Show in November. Performance date and time to be determined. Participants will have the option to indicate if they would like to be considered to perform at more American Royal events on the registration form.

## Rules

1. Contestants must be or have been a Youth Exhibitor in one of the 2023 or 2024 American Royal events, i.e. contestants must, or will, have competed in one of the American Royal livestock shows, equine shows, youth rodeos, or other youth programs to be eligible. No outside entries will be accepted. Age divisions are listed below.
2. No contestant will be eligible to compete in any contest at the American Royal if they have any sanctions or disciplinary action taken against them by the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association, The International Association of Fairs and Expositions, 4-H, FFA, and/or breed association(s).
3. The contest coordinator and the management of the American Royal reserve the right to rule on any question of eligibility not covered in the preceding rules.
4. All work must be that of the entrant.
5. Entries will be submitted online through the registration link provided by the American Royal Association by 11:59 PM CST on September 30, 2024.



6. Only one submission is allowed per contestant.
7. To enter, you must record a video of yourself singing the National Anthem. The video entry should be a single video of yourself singing the National Anthem from start-to-finish, without instrumental accompaniment.
8. The video entry must be originally recorded for the purpose of entering the 2024 American Royal National Anthem Youth Contest. Videos recorded for any other purpose will not be accepted.
9. The video must be uploaded to YouTube as a private video and the link submitted through the registration form. Links to videos housed on any platform other than YouTube will not be considered. Instructions on how to create a private YouTube video with a shareable link are below.
10. All videos submitted become available for use by the American Royal Association for promotion and use throughout the year.
11. A panel of qualified judges selected by the American Royal Association will score entries. Judging will be completed virtually.
12. Entries will be critiqued based on the following.
  - a. Vocal strength, rhythm, tempo, dictation, uniformity, proper use of musical dynamics, mastery of lyrics, and entertainment value.
13. In the event of a tie, judges will determine the tiebreaker.
14. A 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place will be selected for each age division. Winners will be notified via e-mail and required to confirm their availability on a specific date and time during the American Royal National Championship Horse Show in November.
15. If you are selected to sing, you will be provided a complimentary, one-day parking pass to the American Royal National Championship Horse Show and reimbursement for up to \$200.00 for travel expenses will be provided to the 1<sup>st</sup> place Junior and Senior division winners. No travel reimbursement will be provided to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of the Junior and Senior Division.
16. Winners must be at the American Royal Complex by 7:45 AM CST on the date you are to sing and – prior to singing – complete a waiver form authorizing the American Royal and its partners to use your picture, likeness and any photo/video/audio recording of you (including your singing performance) as it sees fit, without payment or compensation to you.



17. If you are less than 18 years of age a parent or guardian must sign this waiver for you. A winner will sing live at 8:00 AM CST each day of the 2024 American Royal National Championship Horse Show in November.

### **Age Divisions**

*Based on the age of the individual on January 1, 2024*

- Junior: 13 and Under
- Senior 14-18

### **Private YouTube Video Instructions**

To make a private YouTube video with a sharable link:

1. Log into your YouTube account and click on the video camera icon in the top right-hand side of the browser. Select "Upload Video" and use this to upload your recorded entry of you singing.
2. Include your name in the video's title, such as "John Smith Equine National Anthem Entry". Select next after inputting the details of your video. Click next again on the Video Elements and Checks sections.
3. On the Visibility section, select Private and click Save. The video will then upload, and you will be able to see it on your account's content page.
4. To obtain a shareable link, select the three dots next to your video and a menu will appear. Select Get Sharable Link and the link to your video will be copied onto your clipboard. Paste this link in the text box below to enter your video into this contest.

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