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2024 State Delegate Talent Music Reservation Form

The 2024 State Delegate Talent Music Release Form is due no later than **April 6, 2024**. This form must accompany the appropriate music license printout described in the BMI/ASCAP/SESAC/GMR instructions explained below.

When a delegate submits her 2024 State Delegate Talent Music Release Form and supporting documents, an email confirmation will be automatically sent to your Local Executive Director. The delegate is responsible for providing their Local Executive Director with an identical set/copy of the 2024 State Delegate Talent Music Release Form and supporting documents. Only a message confirming receipt will be sent from Miss Minnesota Scholarship Org (MMSO) to your Local Executive Director.

Please note, receipt of your Talent Music does not constitute approval for the 2024 Competition - **do not record any track until MMSO has expressly approved your selection.**

BMI/ASCAP/SESAC/GMR/PD Music Licensing Coverage

Must Accompany Talent Music Reservation Form

How to search BMI (Broadcast Music, Inc.)

- go to <http://www.bmi.com/search>
- enter music selection in the “BMI Repertoire” search box
- print to pdf results

How to search ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers)

- go to www.ASCAP.com
- click on “ACE Repertory” to search
- print to pdf results

How to search GMR (Global Music Rights)

- go to <http://globalmusicrights.com/>
- click on “Search our catalog”
- print to pdf results

How to search SESAC (Performing Rights Organization)

- go to www.SESAC.com
- click on “Repertory” from the top menu
- click on “continue on Search Repertory”
- print to pdf results

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***IMPORTANT:** Each delegate must conduct all four searches (BMI, ASCAP, GMR, and SESAC). Suppose your search results produce a “No searches found” message. You must upload those documents as well as the searches that produce official results. Before building a custom track, hiring a demo singer, or looking for a karaoke track, you must have 100% clearance on your assign title through BMI, ASCAP, SESAC, or GMR.

Helpful Hints:

It is usually best to begin your search by title. Once the title comes up, then match the writer(s). Be sure the title and the writer(s) match the song you plan to use.

How much does it cost to use a song?

- Licensing fees depend on many things, including, but not limited to, the fame of the song, the popularity of the performer, the way the song is used in production and the production media format. ONLY MMSO or our production company can obtain permission and agree to any possible discretionary fees with the publisher. MMSO has agreements to use only music covered by the above music licensors. The appropriate printout must be received with the submission of the Talent Music Reservation Form.
- Even if you know the writer, performer, or their management, they do not always control their own music and their approval may be invalid. The music I want to use in my talent act is so old I think it’s in the public domain (also called PD).
- Do not assume your music selection is classified as Public Domain (PD) because it was published in 1922 or earlier. Whether a song is PD depends on MANY things—laws vary depending on WHEN the piece was created and WHERE your talent act will be exhibited.
- Sometimes, PD pieces are newly arranged and must clear the publishing rights for new arrangements. For more info, click here: <https://www.pdinfo.com/>

Guidelines and additional information for the 2024 Talent Music Reservation Form and subsequent submission of your music track.

1. This form is required to reserve the State delegate’s talent music selection.
2. Submissions received will be date/time stamped and considered on a first-come, first-serve basis.
3. You will be notified within one week from receipt or the listed deadline (April 6, 2024 or sooner, depending on when submitted) if the music selection you are requesting is available or has already been reserved by another delegate, MMSO cannot reserve more than one (1) selection per contestant and cannot place selections on hold.

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4. If you receive a notification to resubmit a new music selection, you will be offered (3) additional business days to submit your second selection.
5. Upon confirmation of your 2024 State Delegate Talent Music, you will receive the Detailed Talent Music form, including a Music Release form. A specified deadline will be established for these forms, and the deadline will be firm.
6. Once you receive confirmation from the State office that your music selection is verified as your selection, you can begin recording your accompaniment music, which will be submitted electronically.
7. Singers: 2 types of tracks allowed:
 - a. Custom Track: Musicians and/or singers will record your track and sign off on the Miss America release form provided.
 - b. Karaoke track from Musical Creations (musicalcreations.com). Musical Creations is the only Karaoke company known to Miss America that can sign off on a release for their tracks for State competition use. A signed release from Musical Creations is required.
8. Dancers: No original covers are allowed. If you are dancing to a track by the original artist or downloaded the track from [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) or any other similar internet platform, you are not allowed to use these for Miss Minnesota.
9. Only Performances performed WITH custom, or Karaoke (Musical Creations) tracks are allowed.

If you have any questions, please contact your State ED.