

IAOK's Desi Talent Hunt 2023

Information, Rules & Regulations

Event date: March 04, 2023

Event Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Venue: Hindu Temple of Oklahoma - Community Hall

Age Groups:

All participants will be categorized by age into one of the following groups. Participants will be competing against their age groups only.

- Group I:** Ages: 5-8
Group II: Ages: 9-12
Group III: Ages: 13-19
Group IV: Ages: 20 & Up

Competition Categories:

1. IAOK Pageant:
 - For 5-8 years - Little Miss India [Group I]
 - For 9-13 years - Junior Miss India [Group II]
 - For 14-19 years - Teen Miss India [Group III]
 - For 20 & Up - Mr. India/Miss India [Group IV]
 - For married contestants - King India/Queen India [Group V]
2. Chess: Groups I, II, III
3. Painting: Groups I, II, III
4. Fancy Dress: Groups I, II, III
5. Essay Writing: Groups I, II, III
6. Pencil Drawing: Groups I, II, III
7. Rangoli: Groups III, IV
8. Solo Vocal: Groups I, II, III, IV

Registration Details:

Each participant is allowed to participate in multiple events as far as time doesn't clash. Time for each competition will be announced as we get closer to the event.

Registration Deadline: February 15th before 12:00 am

Event Fee:

Pageant Registration Fees:

Before Feb 15: \$50

After Feb 15: \$75

Other Competitions Registration Fees:

Before Feb 15: \$10/per category

After Feb 15: \$15/per category

Contacts:

For any questions or concerns please contact: Nishita Shah (405-514-4855) or Angela Oommen (469-999-4169).

General rules governing the event:

ALL JUDGES' DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL AND CANNOT BE APPEALED.

1. IAOK reserves the right to disqualify any participant for not following the rules of the competitions.
2. IAOK Desi Talent Hunt competitions are open to ALL Indian descents regardless of your IAOK membership status.
3. All participants must agree to abide by the rules by signing up for any of the competitions.
4. Each participant is allowed to participate in multiple events.
5. IAOK reserves the right to cancel or eliminate events due to lack of participation.
6. Winners will be announced at the end of event or later as and when the scores are tallied.
7. No special effects such as music, lights etc. will be allowed.
8. IAOK reserves the right to ask for age verification proofs.
9. Participants will be identified by the given participant numbers only.
10. Participants will be disqualified if you are not present when your name is called out twice.
11. No food or drinks are allowed during the performances.
12. All winners will be recognized, awarded, and crowned at the India Food & Arts Festival.

Rules specific to competitions:

(1) IAOK PAGEANT:

Mandatory 2 group rehearsals for a ramp walk on Feb 18th and 25th from 2 pm – 4 pm

Mandatory Interview Round ONLY for Teen, Miss, Mr. Queen, and King Categories:

Friday, Feb 3rd from 6 pm – 8 pm

Round 1: Introduction and Western Wear Round

Round 2: Talent Round (Under 5 minutes)

Round 3: Indian Wear Round

Please refer to the attached PDF document for further details and rules.

(2) CHESS

Further details TBA as we get closer to the event.

(3) PAINTING: Groups I, II, III

1. Canvas or coloring paper will be provided by IAOK at the event.
2. All other supplies/materials such as writing board, watercolors, pencils, erasers, brush, etc. should be brought by the participant, IAOK will not be providing them.
3. Participants will get 1 and ½ hours to finish.
4. Parents will not be allowed to assist the participants for this event.
5. Participants will be judged based on relevance to topic, creativity, color scheme, imagination, and general presentation.

Topics:

Group I: My world (can draw & paint anything they like)

Group II: Indian Garden

Group III: Indian Season

(4) FANCY-DRESS: Group I, II, III

1. Be creative and come up with your Indian Traditional/Regional/Fusion costume.
2. Each participant will be given a maximum time limit of 2 minutes.
3. Props will be allowed. Contestants should bring their own props.
4. The competition is a solo item and should be performed by only one individual.
5. Each contestant can present only one item on the stage, under this category.
6. No accompanying recorded audio/video will be allowed.
7. Participants will be judged on theme, presentation, costume, body language, general impression.

(5) ESSAY WRITING: Groups I, II, III

1. Writing papers will be provided by IAOK at the event.
2. Contestants must bring their writing supplies such as writing board, pencils, erasers, pen, etc.
3. The language should be in English only.
4. Participants will get 1 hour to finish.
5. Each contestant should write an original essay of 750 words or fewer describing their thoughts on this topic:

Group I Topic: My dream vacation trip to India

Group II: Contaminations of rivers in India

Group III: In USA, a growing influence of India's cultural diversity

6. The essay should be the original work of the student and it should not be copied from anywhere.
7. The contestants will not be allowed to use help of any resources during the competition.
8. The writing should not have grammatical error as well as overlapping of contents.
9. There should be structural coherence.

10. The introduction and conclusion of the essay should be proper and rational.
11. The evaluation will be made based on content, clear handwriting, coverage, facts, writing spirit inclined towards the topic, and logical presentation with due rationale.
12. The decision of the Jury shall be final & binding on all the participants.

(6) PENCIL DRAWING: Groups I, II, III

1. Drawing sheets will be provided by IAOK at the event.
2. Participants will not be allowed to take any help from any other contestants.
3. Participants should create the drawing only using pencils. Contestants must bring their pencil/erasers/scale any other drawing materials.
4. Participants will get 1 and ½ hours to finish.
5. Participants will be judged on relevance to topic, creativity, and harmony of composition, presentation, and general impression.

Topics:

Group I: My favorite Indian book/Indian cartoon character

Group II: Something you like about India.

Group III: Future Indian City

(7) RANGOLI: Groups III, IV

1. A canvas/Cardboard paper will be provided by IAOK at the event.
6. Participants will not be allowed to take any help from any other contestants.
7. Participants must bring their design supplies.
8. Participants will get 3 hours to finish.
9. Participants will be judged on relevance to topic, creativity, presentation, and general impression.

Topic: Anything about India

(8) SOLO VOCAL: Groups I, II, III, and IV

1. A song in any of the Indian languages only will be allowed.
2. The songs can be light, folk, classical, devotional or movie songs.
3. The competition is a solo item and should be performed by only one individual.
4. Each participant will have a minimum time limit of 2 and a maximum time limit of 4 minutes.
5. Karaoke and/or Shruti box will be allowed. However, if playing a live instrument, then it must be played by the contestant itself while singing.
6. Participants will be judged on vocal skills, language proficiency, rhythm/melody, pitch/enunciation/tone, and general impression.