

Mars Hill Academy Talent Show 2026

General Guidelines and Audition Information

Eligible Participants

MHA students, alumni, parents, families, faculty, staff, and board members all are invited to participate. Groups and family acts are highly encouraged. Students in grades 4 and up may perform in individual acts; younger students may perform as part of a group with older students or adults.

Performance Guidelines

We are seeking a wide variety of acts, so be creative! Singing, dancing, musical instruments, juggling, original skits, dramatic recitation, poetry, spoken word, illusion, card tricks, jump rope, ventriloquism, and comedy are just a few ideas. We want to celebrate the many unique ways God has gifted members of our community!

Auditions

Auditions will be held September 9 and 11, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in King Alfred. Please utilize the online sign-up form to reserve an audition spot by visiting www.marshall.edu/talent. Results will be communicated with all who audition by 5 p.m. Saturday, September 12.

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from auditions. Auditioning students should report to room 101 at 3:15 p.m. to wait or study quietly until their audition slot. Anyone without a ride home after their audition will be sent to Bridge after-school care and charged accordingly.

Please read carefully the following audition requirements:

- Words, actions, song lyrics, and costumes must be God-honoring (Phil. 4:8).
- If a song is to be used in an act, it must be from one of the following genres: Christian, classical, instrumental, patriotic, or show tunes.*
- All audition acts should be performance-ready. No changes can be made to an act after auditions without administrative approval.
 - Costumes, if used, must be worn during audition.
 - Any props utilized must be brought to the audition.
- A printed copy of any song lyrics, jokes, or other verbal performances must be brought to audition.
- No lip-syncing. (Vocalists should have live accompaniment or sing along with an accompaniment track.)
- Performances are limited to 3 minutes in length or less.
- Any musical accompaniment needed should be present for the audition. A piano and CD player will be available. If playing music on a digital device, you must bring compatible speakers.
- For acts using recorded music, please bring a flash drive with a digital copy of your music (cut to 3 minutes as needed) to the audition, to be used at the Talent Show.
- All selected talent show participants must rehearse prior to the show. A run-through is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 at 3:15 p.m. in King Alfred
- Students must bring a completed Entry Form with signed parental consent to their audition (see reverse side).

**Note - As a classical school, we affirm that truth, beauty and goodness are found in diverse sources, including a wide range of musical genres. The reason for implementing the song-choice guideline is to minimize the time that would otherwise go into reviewing all of the musical choices and making determinations on each one. We also desire to avoid the gray areas of subjectivity, in which some people will find certain songs to be objectionable while others do not.*

Any questions? Please contact teressa.mahl@marshall.edu.

We can't wait to see your talent!

2026 Mars Hill Academy Talent Show Entry Form

Full Name _____ I am: (Circle One) Adult / Student (Grade: _____)

Name of act or group as you want it to appear in the program: _____

Are you performing by yourself or with others? (Circle one) Myself With Others

If with others, please list their names: (Note: Each participant must submit his/her own entry form. Families performing together may submit one.)

What type of act are you doing? _____

Are you using recorded music? ____ YES* ____ NO

*If using recorded music, make sure to bring the digital file cut to 3 minutes on a flash drive.

Title of any song(s) used in performance: _____

Did you attach a typed copy of song lyrics, jokes, or other verbal performances being used in this performance? ____ YES ____ NO (This form is not complete without it!)

List any props you will be bringing from home: _____

What other items will you need on the stage? (circle)

Nothing Piano Music Stand Chairs Microphone Small Table

Other: _____

Tell us something unique about yourself (or your family): _____

2026 Mars Hill Academy Talent Parental Consent Form

I give my student _____ permission to audition and participate in the MHA Talent Show on October 3, 2026. We have read and agree to follow the talent show guidelines.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____