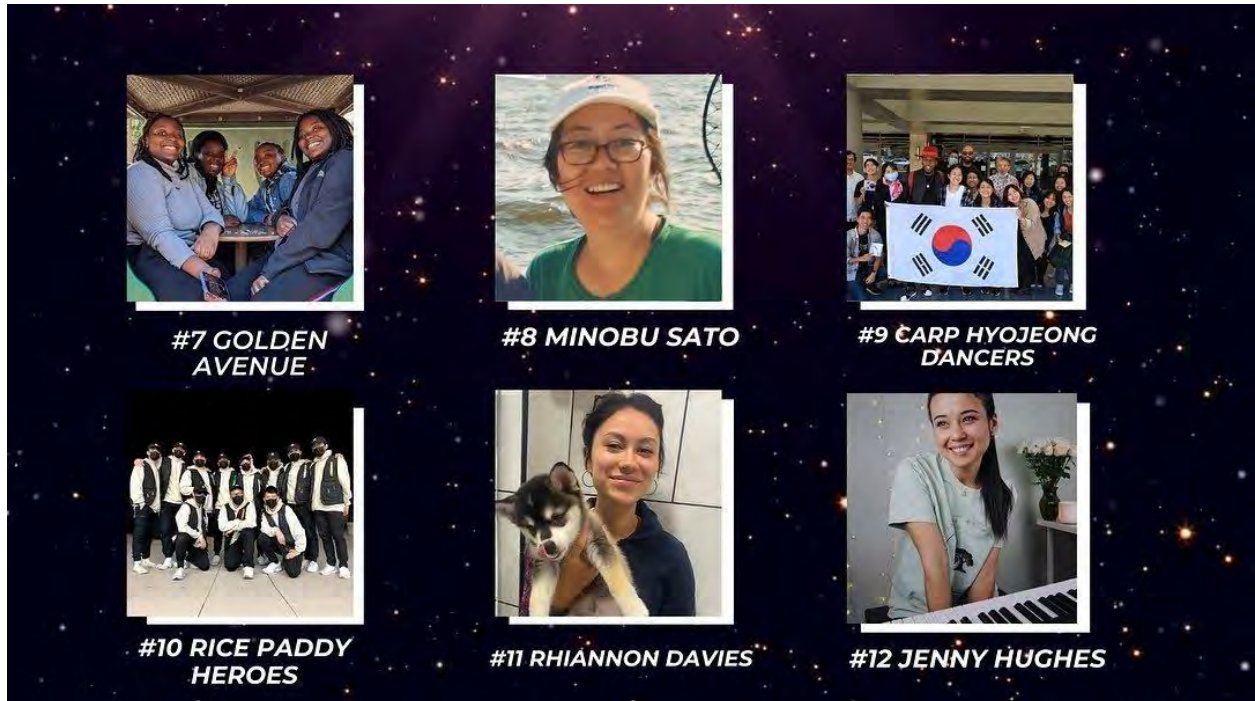


FFWPU USA: HJ Stars Talent Contest Auditions Raise Funds for YAYAM

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July 27, 2022



Photos courtesy of HJ Stars

"The HJ Stars audition went a lot longer than expected, because we got double the submissions than we were expecting - but it was an incredible turnout," said Resfred Arthur, co-host of HJ Stars and the FFWPU USA Northeast secretary general. "The purpose of HJ Stars is to raise funds for YAYAM but also help cultivate and showcase talent from around the country."

The preliminary round of the HJ Stars auditions was an immediate hit, streaming live July 22 with more than 2,000 views. The competition also raised some \$6,000 for the Youth and Young Adult Ministry ([YAYAM](#)).



"We thank everyone who donated," said Resfred, as he presented audition highlights during an FFWPU USA Leaders' meeting July 26. "We had 56 submissions that were all very incredible ... There was so much talent that was amazing to see."

From choreographed dancing, singing, piano playing and guitar strumming, to heartfelt poetry and colorful artwork, the talent pool was diverse and impressive. A total of 19 candidates from across the country advanced to the semi-finals, as well as one participant from London. The Northeast alone had eight participants continue on in the competition.



"We have a glance of what's to come with our semi-finalists," said Resfred. "Every region is represented, and even one person from Europe, so let's continue to support them."

While some contestants were individual performers, others were an entire crew, such as the LA CARP Dancers. There were even couples in the mix who auditioned together, as all submissions were evaluated by three guest judges with backgrounds in the arts. "I'm so excited to see all this new talent," said judge Jonathan Gullery, a longtime designer and pianist.



HJ Stars channels the great passion True Parents have for the arts, as they founded the renowned Little Angels ballet troupe and the Hyojeong Youth Orchestra (HJYO), among many more creative endeavors. "This is the power of art," True Father said. "It allows people who don't understand each other's language to communicate. It lets people who don't know about each other's history understand each other's hearts."

The HJ Stars semi-final round is scheduled for August 5. Donations submitted in a specific region will go toward that region's YAYAM chapter. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000, the second place winner will receive \$500, and the third place prize is \$250.

You can donate and tune in to HJ Stars [here](#), and watch the full preliminary round of auditions [here](#).

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Fundraiser Event for Our Youth Programs

Virtual Talent Show to allow our talented youth to share their talents as well as support their talent endeavors with cash prizes.

Funds raised from this event will go towards future events and programs dedicated to building our Youth & Young Adults in North America.



Where

Livestreamed on Youtube



When

Jul 22 – Preliminary Round

Aug 5 – Semi-Final Round

Aug 12 – Final Round

Prizes



\$1,000

1st Place Prize



\$500

2nd Place Prize



\$250

3rd Place Prize

Competition Schedule

Round 1

2022-07-22

Round 2

2022-08-05

Round 3

2022-08-12



8:00-9:30 PM EST
Livestream

— Preliminary Round

All participants will submit a 1-min or shorter video or files to showcase their talent. Submissions are due by July 20, 2022. The showcase will be livestreamed on July 22, 2022.

How It Works

STEP 1

Register & Submit

- Submit your video or image file showcasing your talent. This can be anything from singing, 3D art, video game highlights to skits - anything that shows your talent to connect with others.
- Audition videos must be less than 1 minute long
- Semi-Final and Final Rounds will require separate submissions.

STEP 2

Join Us Live

Come join us with your friends and families on the livestream where we show the submissions with our panel of judges.

Winners will be announced at the end of the event.

Who can apply?

Anyone with talent can apply. This is not limited to youth and young adults competing.

Groups can apply as well with one representative making the submission.

Accepting Semi-Finals Submissions

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