

2021 Commencement Vocalist Contest

Instructions and Rules

How to Enter

Instructions on Submitting a Video Entry

1. Register to participate in the Purdue University Global Commencement on December 4, 2021, and have a graduation date on or before December 4, 2021.
2. Record a video of yourself singing the national anthem.
 - Use a plain background (ideally white) with no clutter.
 - Dress in business casual attire.
 - Start recording: state your first and last name, and then count out loud “3-2-1” before you begin singing.
 - After singing, pause for 3 seconds and then stop recording.
3. Save the file to your computer or flash drive.
4. Fill out the [vocalist audition submission form](#) to submit your video. **Submissions must be received by 11:59 pm ET on October 15, 2021.**
5. A confirmation will be sent from the Graduation Event Team upon receipt of your video.
6. Winner will be notified by November 5, 2021.
7. In the event that the winner cannot attend a live ceremony, an alternative attending in person will be selected to sing at the ceremony in the winner's place.

Key Contest Guidelines

1. The winner must be a student or graduate of Purdue University Global or Concord Law School and be registered to participate **in person** at the December 4, 2021, commencement in West Lafayette, Indiana.
2. The winner must attend the rehearsal on Friday, December 3, 2021, and sound check on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the Elliott Hall of Music in West Lafayette, Indiana (time TBD).
3. The winner must be willing to sing at the Purdue University Global graduation ceremony in West Lafayette, Indiana, on Saturday, December 4, 2021 (time TBD).
4. If the winner is unable to attend the sound check and rehearsal before the ceremony and/or is not available to sing at their assigned ceremony, an alternative will be selected to sing in the winner's place. Days and times to be determined by Purdue University Global.

Official Rules

GRADUATION VOCALIST CONTEST RULES

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT NECESSARY TO PLAY OR WIN. ALL FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND MUNICIPAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLY. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

The Graduation Vocalist Contest (the “Contest”) is open only to Purdue University Global students who registered to attend in person for the December 2021 Commencement and have graduation dates on or before December 4, 2021; who are eighteen (18) years of age or older or at least the age of majority in their state of residence. The Contest is not open to the family members or members of the same household as Purdue Global employees, Purdue Global contractors, vendors, Purdue Global executives at the vice president level or above, or employees of the Graduation Committee. For purposes of the Contest, “family members” are defined as spouses, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, and grandchildren.

The Winner must attend a rehearsal and sound check the day of and/or the day before the ceremony and be available to sing at the assigned ceremony in person as determined by Purdue University Global. By submitting an entry video, you agree to these Official Rules, including your availability to attend the rehearsals and recording sessions and graduation ceremony.

The Winner agrees and acknowledges that the opportunity to sing is subject to being withdrawn by Purdue Global in its sole discretion if the event is canceled or postponed, the Winner is not able to perform in rehearsals in a manner consistent with the performance on the entry submitted, or the Winner engages in any behavior that is inappropriate, obnoxious, or otherwise objectionable.

CONTEST ENTRY

By entering this Contest, each entrant agrees to these rules and that all decisions of Purdue Global and the Graduation Event Review Committee with respect to this Contest and the selection of the Winner are final and binding. Entrants also agree that all entries must comply with YouTube Terms of Service and Community Guidelines and entries that don’t comply will be disqualified.

Purdue Global is not responsible for any late, misplaced, garbled, or damaged entries, or any entries that are not received due to any failure of any telecommunications, other networks, equipment, or for any other reason. Entries shall not contain any material that is infringing on any third-party rights, obscene, inappropriate, defamatory, discriminatory, derogatory, or in violation of any law. Purdue Global reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any entry that violates these rules. Entrants are responsible for all costs of creating and submitting the contest entry.

Each entrant grants to Purdue Global a worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free, fully transferable, and perpetual license in and to all intellectual property rights in the entry, including without limitation the video of entrant's performance of the National Anthem (the "Entry") and each of its constituent parts, which rights include, without limitation, the worldwide right to publish, display, modify, adapt, perform, distribute, make available to the public, and/or reproduce the Entry through any media available for the purpose of administering and conducting the Contest and for any and all marketing or other purposes. Only one Entry per person.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF WINNER

Contest Entries submitted by students who enter the Contest by the deadline date will be viewed by the Graduation Event Review Committee and a winner will be selected by a majority vote ("Winner") based on vocal talent, poise, and the individual's delivery of the National Anthem. All decisions of the Graduation Event Review Committee are final and binding on all entrants. The Winner will be notified by phone and/or email by November 5, 2021. The Winner will be required to execute a publicity release, which will include the right to record and use the Winner's performance at the graduation. Winning is conditioned on compliance with all the requirements set forth in these rules. If the Winner does not execute the release, or cannot attend the graduation for any reason, Purdue Global reserves the right to select an alternate winner based on the criteria set forth above.

PERMISSION TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the Contest, entrants agree that their name, image, likeness, city, state, and country or residence may be used for any advertising and promotional purposes at Purdue Global's discretion in any and all media now known or hereinafter developed, without territorial or time limitations, or right of approval, and for no additional compensation, except where prohibited or restricted by law.

RELEASE

By participating in the Contest, each entrant agrees that Sponsor, YouTube, and their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, representatives, retailers, and advertising and promotional agencies, and all of their respective shareholders, officers, directors, employees, members, representatives, agents, successors and assigns, will have no liability whatsoever for, and will be held harmless by entrant for any liability for any bodily injury, loss, cost or damages of any kind to persons, including death and property, damages sustained due in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from Entry creation, the acceptance, possession, or participation in the Contest or in any related activity.

GENERAL

- A. **Waiver.** Failure to enforce any term of these rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.
- B. **Severability.** If any provision(s) of these official rules are held to be invalid or unenforceable, all remaining provisions hereof will remain in full force and effect.
- C. **Cancellation.** If for any reason the Contest is not capable of being executed as planned, or infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, action of students, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of Purdue Global, corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of the Contest, Purdue Global reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any suspect entry or entrant and to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Contest from among all eligible, non-suspect entries received as of the date of the termination, as Purdue Global determines in its sole discretion.
- D. **Limitation of Liability.** Entrants further acknowledge and agree that Purdue Global and its affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, advertising and promotion agencies, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, and employees will not be liable for losses or injuries of any kind resulting from participation in the Contest, or printing, mailing, or distribution errors.
- E. **Governing Law.** The Contest is subject to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Except where prohibited, by participating, entrants agree that all issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of these official rules, or the rights and obligations of entrants and Purdue Global, shall be governed by and construed exclusively in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana without giving effect to any principles of conflicts of law of any jurisdiction and that: (a) any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, in a court of competent jurisdiction located in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; (b) any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with participating, but in no event attorneys' fees; and (c) under no circumstances will any entrant be permitted to obtain awards for and hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental and consequential damages, and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased.
- F. **Privacy.** Entrants agree that their personal data, including name, email address, phone number, and physical address may be processed, stored, and otherwise used for the purposes and within the context of this Contest and for any of the purposes set forth in the Purdue Global Privacy Policy at www.purdueglobal.edu/privacy-policy/. Without limiting the foregoing, such data may also be used by Purdue Global to contact the Winner, check an entrant's identity and contact information, or to otherwise verify an entrant's eligibility to participate in the Contest.

G. **Sponsor.** This Contest is sponsored by Purdue University Global, 2550 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 1100, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

NOTE: This Contest is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with YouTube. YOU ARE PROVIDING YOUR INFORMATION TO THE SPONSOR AND NOT TO YOUTUBE.

Thank you for your interest.

If you have any questions, please contact graduation@purdueglobal.edu.