



## RULES

### **Event Format:**

<i>Group 1, Round 1 – Live Performance:</i>	<i>Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Group 1, Round 2 – Online Voting:</i>	<i>Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. until Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.</i>
<i>Group 2, Round 1 – Live Performance:</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Group 2, Round 2 – Online Voting:</i>	<i>Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. until Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.</i>
<i>Finals, Round 3 – Live Performance:</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.</i>

### **Voting:**

1. Voters must register at [ContestsInYuma.com/YumaStar](http://ContestsInYuma.com/YumaStar) in the voting program.
2. Once registered, Voters are allowed one vote per computer, per hour.
3. Voters are encouraged to vote for the contestants they feel deserve to move on to the Final Round.

## Contestants:

1. Applicants must live in the Yuma area at least 6 months out of the year, **AND** must be available for the elimination rounds on September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Applicants **MUST ALSO** be available for the Final Round on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
2. Yuma Star is open to amateurs only. For the purpose of this contest, an amateur is somebody without a major-label recording contract who makes less than half their annual income by performing.
3. Last year's Yuma Star winner and associates of Freedom Communications of Southwestern Arizona, Inc. are ineligible to enter.
4. Contestants should sing a new song for each performance. Contestants must be able to provide a sound clip for audition purposes, along with application and photo. The acceptable formats for all pieces of the application are: CD, mp3 or .wav file. Applicants can provide a jump drive with the application pieces. Cassette tapes are not permitted. Some suggestions for audition recordings include the use of a digital camera or digital camcorder.
5. Song performed in the audition recording does not have to be the song performed at preliminaries, but is recommended. NO CHANGES will be allowed to the song selection to be performed at ANY of the live shows, after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before a performance!! It is recommended that applicants have 2 or 3 songs ready for this contest. Some contestants select the same song. While the contest structure does not prohibit this, some contestants do not want to compete in this manner. Please have a song on stand-by. First choice goes to the contestant who applied first. Contestants will be notified of a duplicate song in advance to the show.
6. Contestants must provide their own accompaniment music on a CD in a .wav or .mp3 format (files must be 5MB or less) for the live performance, with the completed packet. If contestants wish to provide their own live accompaniment on stage, it must be noted on the application and confirmed by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the performance. Copies will not be available for return until the entire performance is completed. Cassette tapes are not allowed for performance music!

7. Applicants must provide a recent photo. Digital format as a .jpeg is preferred. No faxes, Polaroids or clippings from newspapers, magazines or yearbooks will be accepted. Photos can be taken at the Yuma Sun's office, per request. Contact Adrienne Wagner in the Marketing Department, at 928-539-6805.
8. Only the best 40 applicants, with completed packages, will be accepted for this contest, as determined by a committee of Yuma Sun associates. A completed package will include an audition sound clip, background music for performance purposes, digital photo file and a completed Application form. If a contestant advances past the first elimination round, their bios will be published online for the online voting. Preferred file type for music is CD, .wav or .mp3; files must be 5MB or less. No cassettes will be accepted.
9. After each judged elimination round, semi-finalists will advance to online voting at [www.ContestsInYuma.com/YumaStar](http://www.ContestsInYuma.com/YumaStar) for six days, to determine our Finalists.
10. The top 10-12 Finalists will be determined by online voting results and will be notified by telephone on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Wild card finalists may be included.
11. Applicants must complete the Application in English, but may perform in any language. All types of singing/rapping style are allowed, but profanity is prohibited. Contestants who use profane words during any of the Live Performances will be disqualified immediately.
12. Costumes and dancing must be appropriate for a family show. Audience members will be of all ages! Please notify the Yuma Star Staff of abrupt changes in your act, prior to competition. **No surprises.**
13. We reserve the right to stop a performance at any time.
14. Finalists will perform live October 20<sup>th</sup> before a live audience. The Top 3 winners are to be determined by a combined score of 60% Judges Scores and 40% Audience Votes. Decision is final.

15. Complete Applications may be emailed to Adrienne Wagner at [Marketing@yumasun.com](mailto:Marketing@yumasun.com), hand delivered or mailed to the Yuma Sun/YumaSun.com offices at  
2055 S. Arizona Avenue  
Yuma, AZ 85364

**by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.** Applications submitted after 5:00 p.m. on this date will not be accepted.

16. YumaSun.com reserves the right to reject any submission and to eliminate any contestant during the competition.

Questions or concerns regarding any of this information need to be directed to:

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