

# Ankeny Chamber SummerFest 2026 Lip Sync Contest presented by Community Choice Credit Union Contest Guidelines

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**Event Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2026

**Show Time:** 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

**Location:** The District at Prairie Trail - 1500 SW Main Street



## Lip Sync Contest Overview

The Ankeny Chamber SummerFest **Lip Sync Contest** is a fun, high-energy event where individuals or groups perform popular songs by **miming the lyrics** while acting out the performance. Instead of singing live, participants focus on **entertainment, choreography, costumes, and stage presence** to impress the audience and judges.

Please read the rules and terms carefully and submit the required information by **July 1, 2026**. **Selection of participants is based on a first-come, first-paid basis.** Waiver and participation fee must be paid in order to be included in the contest.

## Rules and Requirements

### Lip Sync Contest Rules

#### 1. Eligibility

- Open to individuals or groups of any age.
- Groups may have up to **5 participants**.
- All participants must complete a registration form, sign and return waiver, and pay participation fee by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 2. Song Selection

- Each act must submit their song choice when registering.
- Performance should be **4 minutes or less**.
- Songs must be appropriate for a **family-friendly audience** including clean versions of any music.

- All music tracks must be submitted no later than **11:59 PM on July 1, 2026**. Late submissions may not be accommodated.
  - Audio must be submitted via Dropbox, thumb drive, or email to [info@ankeny.org](mailto:info@ankeny.org).

### 3. Performance Guidelines

- Contestants must **lip sync only** (no live singing).
- Performances may include choreography and costumes, no props. The Ankeny Chamber will provide microphones to use.
- No liquids, confetti, glitter, or hazardous materials allowed on stage.
- Stage area is limited so please plan any optional choreography accordingly.

4. **Time Limit:** Each performance must not exceed the 4 minute time limit.

### 5. Judging Criteria

Contestants will be scored on the following:

- **Lip Sync Accuracy**
- **Stage Presence & Energy**
- **Creativity & Costume**
- **Audience Engagement**
- **Overall Entertainment Value**

### 6. Judging & Winners

- Judges' decisions are **final**.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded immediately following the contest. All contestants—both individuals and groups, regardless of age—will compete together.

### 7. Conduct

- Performances must remain **respectful and appropriate**.
- Organizers reserve the right to stop any performance deemed inappropriate.
- Inappropriate or disruptive behavior or content may result in removal from the show at the discretion of Ankeny Chamber Staff.

### 8. Liability

- Participants perform at their own risk. Participation is voluntary. All performers (or their guardians) assume full responsibility for personal safety and property.
- The event organizers are not responsible for lost or damaged personal items.
- Waiver Form needs to be completed by each contestant and signed (if under 18, parent/guardian must sign.)

## Participation Fee & Group Policy

- Fee: \$15 Per Act
- Payment is due at the time of submission (Cash or check to Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce or online payment at <https://www.ankeny.org/>)
- Group Acts:
  - Only one \$15 fee is required per group (up to 5 people in group)
  - Each participant must fill out and sign a waiver form.

**\*All proceeds of the Lip Sync contest support the Ankeny Chamber Student Scholarship Fund**

## Important Terms and Conditions

- **No Refunds:** In the event of cancellation due to weather, venue issues, inappropriate behavior or safety concerns, the show will not be rescheduled, and **no refunds will be issued.**
- **Photo/Media Release:** Participants may be photographed or recorded during the event. These may be used in Ankeny Chamber promotional or marketing materials without additional consent or compensation.
- **Once Submitted and Approved:** A Chamber staff member will contact you and/or parent/guardian on regarding all check-in details. All participants are required to check-in on SummerFest grounds between 11am-11:15am on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026