



KCS Youth Festival

Saturday, May 10, 2025:

Rules and Regulations

General Rules

1. Online registration forms and fees are due by Saturday, May 3rd. All forms are available on the KCS website: <http://www.kcschicago.com>.
2. All participants must be born to both Knanaya parents and the family must be eligible for KCS Chicago membership.
3. Walk-in registrations will only be permitted for the following events:
 - Small Kids: Smiling Competition, Coloring
 - Sub-Juniors, Juniors & Seniors: Water Coloring, Pencil Drawing, Knanaya Quiz
4. The registration fee is \$5 for Little Kids' Coloring and the Smiling Competition. For all others, the fee is \$15 per single event and \$10 per person for a group event. **Fees should be paid via Zelle to operations@kcschicago.com by the registration deadline. A separate payment should be made for each participant with their name, family name and Age division in the memo for single events. Group registration fees should be paid in one transaction per group.**
5. Participants should arrive at the Community Center to check-in and receive their chest numbers starting at 8:30 am on May 10th.
6. Age divisions are based on the participants' grade in school as of May 10th:
 - Sub-Juniors: Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades
 - Juniors: 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades
 - Seniors: 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades

Participants may compete in a higher age division for ***group events only***, but not vice versa. (E.g. A 4th grader may choose to compete in the Junior division but a 5th grader may NOT compete in the sub-junior division.)

7. Each participant is limited to a maximum of five (5) single events. There is no limit on group events.
8. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded to the top scorers in each event.
9. Karaoke / background music / accompaniment are NOT permitted for any of the singing / music events.
10. Background music / track ***is*** permitted for the fancy dress competitions.
11. A group must have a minimum of three (3) participants for entry in a group event.
12. Elocution subjects, Knanaya Quiz material, and Spelling Bee word lists will be published on the KCS website on April 21st.
13. Crayons will be available for the Small Kids Coloring Competition. Pencils will be available for Pencil Drawing or participants may bring their own. No colored pencils may be used. Participants ***must bring their own paints and paintbrushes*** for Water Coloring. All paper and water will be provided.
14. Time Limits for each type of event:
 - **3 Minutes:** Fancy Dress (Single or Group)
 - **5 Minutes:** Folk Dance (Single or Group), Cinematic Dance (Single or Group), Western Dance (Single), Elocution (Eng or Mal), All Song / Music Events (Single or Group)
 - **10 Minutes:** Classical Dance (Single or Group), Western Dance (Group), Margamkalli
 - **45 Minutes:** Coloring, Water-Color Painting, Pencil Drawing
15. A ***tentative*** schedule of events and room assignments will be published on the KCS website on May 9th. This schedule is only an estimation and is **subject to change** per the discretion of the Youth Festival Committee.

16. Participants, parents, and audience members are prohibited from speaking to the judges during the event and scoring. Any questions or complaints must be addressed with the KCS Executive Board and Youth Festival Committee.
17. **All decisions made by the KCS Executive Board and Youth Festival Committee will be FINAL.**

Rules Regarding Selection of Kalathilakam, Kalaprathibha & Rising Stars

1. The following overall festival prizes will be awarded: Kalathilakam, Kalaprathibha, Rising Star (Female), and Rising Star (Male).
2. In order to be considered for the overall prizes, participants must have participated in **at least one** of the following Knanaya-rooted events: Purathanapattu, Margam Kalli, Knanaya Quiz.
3. In order to be considered for the overall prizes, participants **must place (win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd)** in at least **two of the three** event categories: A) Single Dance Events, B) Single Music Events, and C) All Other Single Events.
4. Of the participants who meet the above criteria, the female with the highest number of points will be named Kalathilakam and the male with the highest number of points will be named Kalaprathibha. The female and male with the second highest scores will be named Rising Stars.
5. Overall point totals are calculated as follows:
 - For events where there were three (3) or more participants, 5 points will be awarded to the 1st place winner, 3 points will be awarded to the 2nd place winner, and 1 point will be awarded to the 3rd place winner.
 - For events where there were only one (1) or two (2) participants, 3 overall points will be awarded to the 1st place winner **only** if they received at least 85% of the points available from the judges for their performance. A 1st place winner whose score is less than 85% but at least 75% will get 1 point. A 2nd place winner will get 1 point if they scored at least 75% of the points available from the judges for their performance.

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