



TEXAS BEACON OF LIGHT OUTREACH
PRESENTS



**2013 LOVE SPEAKS:
MUSIC FOR A CAUSE CONTEST**

WHO

Houston After-school program students enrolled in program 30 days or more as of February 14, 2013

WHEN

**Registration Opens
February 14, 2013**

DVDs due March 22, 2013
Concert May 2013

WHERE

**Register & Access Forms
@
www.txbeaconoflight.org**

WHAT

Choose one music track of the two provided.

Create an ORIGINAL song focused on not just saying the word "LOVE", but showing the word "LOVE"

HUH?

Examples:
Loving your community,
Loving others by giving and helping,
Loving yourself by making good choices

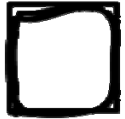
HOW

**APPLICATION
CONSENT FORMS
DVD+R
(no longer than 4 minutes)
LYRICS
GROUP PHOTO**

TO DO LIST

- THANK
- OUR
- SPONSORS!!!

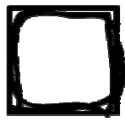
TO DO LIST



Read rules & regulations like an undercover detective.



Complete & sign application.



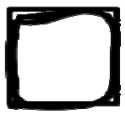
Collect all signed student consent forms.



Listen to both music tracks and choose one to download.



Create lyrics, type and print. *(Must be created by students)*



PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!!



Record group performing song on DVD+R. BE CREATIVE!!
(No longer than 4 minutes)



SMILE!!!! Take a group photo.



Mail: 2 copies & 1 original of application, all original consent forms, DVD+R, group photo, copy of typed lyrics. REGULAR MAIL ONLY



GO GIVE LOVE - A VOICE!!!!!! HAVE FUN!!!!!!

CONTEST APPLICATION
2013 LOVE SPEAKS: MUSIC FOR A CAUSE CONTEST
APPLICATION

Mail your entry to:
Texas Beacon of Light Outreach
LOVE SPEAKS ENTRY
507 Taskwood Drive
Richmond, TX 77469

Each entry must consist of:
 Two copies and one ORIGINAL application
 Student consent forms
 DVD+R containing one song only, four (4) minutes or less in length.
 Lyric sheet TYPED ONLY
 Photograph of performing group

Entries must be RECEIVED *not postmarked* by no later than March 22, 2013.

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| Name of School |
| Name of principal or school director |
| E-mail address of principal or school director |
| Address |
| Phone number |
| Name of Program |
| Name of site director |
| E-mail address of site director |
| How is program funded? |
| Are you a program affiliated with CASE? |
| List all students' names, ages, grade level and number of days as of February 14, 2013 enrolled in after school program and their role in creating song (writer, producer, artist etc) |

| NAME | AGE | GRADE | ENROLLED DAYS | ROLE |
|------|-----|-------|---------------|------|
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*Add lines as needed.

TERMS & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

All participants, school and program leadership have read and understand the rules of LOVE SPEAKS Music for a Cause Contest as they appear in the rules and regulations section and accept the terms and conditions of participation. (If entrant is under 18 years old, the signature of a parent or guardian is required on parent consent form.) The signature of both the principal and project director confirms agreement to the enclosed and following terms, all contest rules & regulations, and confirms that all information is correct concerning 1) the number of days each student has been enrolled in the program up to February 14, 2013. and 2) the lyrics of the entered song were written solely by the students appearing in the video entered.

Signatures of both the principal and program director verifies consent and permission to the following: 1) students enrolled in the afterschool program to participate in the “Contest”; 2) allow the school, program and student names, ages, grade levels and region to be displayed along with any photos promoting the “contest”; 3) participate in any media or promotional events, including any possible winner ceremonies, media interviews, and publicity events, related to the Contest.

Signatures of both the principal and program director releases Texas Beacon of Light Outreach and all sponsors and affiliates including its Board of Governors, employees, or agents from any and all liability that may arise from minors’ participation. Furthermore, signatures confirm assumption of all responsibility and liability by the school for any injury, minor or serious, accidental or intentional, to participants and guests during participation in the “Contest”, including attorney fees and other litigation costs and hereby release, defend, and hold harmless Texas Beacon of Light Outreach, its Board of Governors, officers, employees or agents from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the images, recordings or written copy.

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| Principal Signature | Date |
| Program Director Signature | Date |

2013 LOVE SPEAKS: MUSIC FOR A CAUSE CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

Texas Beacon of Light Outreach since 2001 has offered music production classes to Houston area after-school students allowing students to write, produce and perform their original music that speaks for a cause. Causes chosen by students have included: supporting the troops, domestic violence awareness, child abuse, bully awareness and other causes.

The 2013 Love Speaks: Music for a Cause Contest (the "Contest") is open to amateur and professional artists who are youth between the ages of 10 – 17 currently being served through a recognized after-school program in the Houston and surrounding area who submit entries by the stated deadline. The competition highlights teen music talent, gathers students in support of the arts, and promotes active participation in local after-school programs. The contest opens officially February 14, 2013 and concludes in May 2013 and features a Top 10 pool, 5 semi-finalists, 3 finalists and one Love Speaks 2013 winner.

The 2013 Love Speaks: Music for a Cause Contest (the "Contest") is designed to encourage eligible U.S. school students to use their creativity to create an original song promoting the theme "Love Speaks"; showing love to others and their community. Judges will choose the winning entries and prizes will be awarded in accordance with these Official Rules.

Sponsor: The Contest is sponsored by Texas Beacon of Light Outreach and is funded by the following: *The Houston Endowment, The Education Foundation of Harris County, Cooperative for After-school Enrichment and Harris County Department of Education.*

Binding Agreement: In order to enter the Contest, participants must agree to these Official Rules ("Rules"). The Rules consist of the terms and conditions on this page and subsequent pages, the Contest Application and Minor Consent Form ("Contest Materials"). Minors must obtain prior permission of their parents and/or legal guardians and their parents and/or legal guardians must also agree to these Rules on their child's behalf before they can enter this Contest. These Rules will form a legally binding agreement with respect to this Contest, please read them carefully. Registration for this Contest and/or a submission of an application and/or consent form in the Contest constitutes agreement to these Rules.

Eligibility: Only Houston area after-school programs are eligible to enter the Contest. 75% of all participating students including but not limited to dancers, singers, producers, and writers must be enrolled for more than thirty days in the recognized after-school program as of February 14, 2013 as proven through a signed agreement by the building principal and/or executive director of the program. Example: 4 students are entering the contest as a group, at least 3 (75% of 4) should be enrolled in more than 30 days in a recognized after-school program. All participating minors must have a signed consent form. Love Speaks: Music for a Cause Contest is open to amateur and professional artists who are youth between the ages of 10 – 17 enrolled for more than thirty days in a recognized after-school program in the Houston and surrounding area who submit entries by the stated deadline. Employees of TXBOLO, their families, subsidiaries, and affiliates are not eligible.

You don't need a professional recording. Entries will be judged on originality, melody, and lyrics focused on the theme of the contest – LOVE SPEAKS. All contestants will be given the opportunity to download one of two music tracks to which they will compose their songs. Only one song per After-school program is allowed to be entered into the Contest. In

the case of duplicate or multiple entries from the same Entrant, then the first entry to arrive at the designated submission address (as determined by the “received by” date) will be accepted as the entry into the Contest.

Entry Requirements: Each entry requires the following elements: 1) Registration online at www.txbeaconoflight.org 2) One ORIGINAL song no longer than four (4) minutes composed to one of two provided music tracks that should be downloaded at www.txbeaconoflight.org Students performing the completed song should be video taped and uploaded to a DVD+R. All participants should be included in the video. (NO MORE THAN 10 PARTICIPANTS). BE CREATIVE!!! 75% of participants (up to ten participants in a group) should be enrolled in the program at least 30 days as of February 14, 2013; Each song submitted must be ALL contestants’ original work and should be written, composed and performed solely by students. Any style of music is welcomed, as long as lyrics are appropriate; 3) Lyrics to the song neatly typed; 4) Completed and signed Contest application; 5) Signed student consent forms; **All entry packets should be sent regular US postal service** to Texas Beacon of Light Outreach LOVE SPEAKS CONTEST 507 Taskwood Drive Richmond, TX 77469. **Packages requiring signatures and or hand delivered will not be accepted. E-mail confirmations will be sent to participants upon receipt.** Texas Beacon of Light Outreach (TXBOLO) is not responsible for late, lost, non-compatible or non-working, damaged, misdirected, postage due, stolen, or misappropriated entries. The TXBOLO is not responsible for faulty file uploads. **All eligible entries must be RECEIVED, not postmarked by no later than March 22, 2013.** All DVDs and lyrics will not be returned.

Selection of Winners: Winners will be chosen by a select panel of judges comprised of current after-school program students, local songwriters, producers, and music industry professionals. Songs will be judged based on creativity, melody, originality, lyrics and whether the submissions adhered to these Rules. The quality of performance and production will be considered. Void where prohibited. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. TXBOLO reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value. Decisions of the judges are final and binding. In the event there are not enough eligible entries, not all prizes will be awarded. If any winner is not able for whatever reason to accept their prize and/or appear live at the scheduled 2013 LOVE SPEAKS: Music and Fashion for A Cause Concert, then TXBOLO reserves the right to award the prize to another Entrant or school (as applicable).

A TOP TEN (10) will be selected from the pool of entries and visited by a Contest judge at their respected campus during afterschool hours. The TOP TEN (10) will perform live for the judge and will be videoed to be viewed by the entire panel of judges. Five (5) semi-finalists will be chosen from the TOP TEN to compete in a second round of online voting. Originally submitted videos will be uploaded to www.txbeaconoflight.org Public voting will occur for a designated amount of time. At the conclusion of the public voting round, three finalists will be chosen. Three (3) finalists will be chosen to be featured at the 2013 LOVE SPEAKS Fashion and Music for a Cause. One (1) group will be selected by a panel of judges at the actual LOVE SPEAKS Fashion and Music for a Cause as the grand prize winner. **The grand prize winner will receive the opportunity to professionally record their song and be featured in a music video shoot featuring their song and their Afterschool program.**

Winners will be notified by email and/or mail. Entry constitutes permission to use winner’s names, likenesses, and voices for future advertising and publicity purposes without

additional compensation. Songs will be judged based on creativity, melody, originality and lyrics. The quality of performance and production will be considered. Void where prohibited. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. Prizes will be awarded jointly to all authors of any song; division of prizes is responsibility of winners. The TXBOLO reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value.

Winner Announcements: The semi-finalists will be announced on or prior to May 1, 2013. Announcements will be sent to the email address and/or to the mailing address provided by each entrant and will also be posted on www.txbeaconoflight.org no other notification will be given. The grand prize winner will be announced by July 2013. For more information contact info@txbeaconoflight.org with SUBJECT LINE: LOVE SPEAKS.

Advancing to the Finals

The 3 semi-finalists will be chosen by a combination of the public vote and a music score given by the panel of judges. **Music Score:** Groups will be judged in the following categories and awarded up to a total possible score of 50 points:

- Musicality (10 pts)
- Ensemble (10 pts)
- Lyrics (10 pts)
- Originality (10 pts)
- Overall impression (10 pts)

Public Vote: During the month of April rally your fans to vote for your song. The more votes you receive the higher your vote score will be.

Voting Matrix:

| Points | Votes |
|---------------|--------------|
| 12 | 100 - 500 |
| 15 | 501 - 1000 |
| 20 | 1001 - 2000 |
| 25 | 2001 - 3000 |
| 30 | 3001 - 4000 |
| 35 | 4001 - 5000 |
| 40 | 5001 - 6000 |
| 45 | 6001 - 7000 |
| 50 | 7001 - 8000 |

Combining the Scores: The music score and the voting score will be combined with a 60/40 weighting as follows:

(Music Score x .6) + (Voting Score x .4) = FINAL SCORE

Conduct: By entering the Contest, participants agree to comply with and be bound by these Official Rules, which will also be posted on the Website. Failure to comply with these Rules may result in disqualification from the Contest. Participants further agree to comply with and be bound by the decisions of the judges, which are final and binding in all respects. Texas Beacon of Light Outreach reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any Entrant it finds to be: (1) tampering or attempting to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Contest; (2) violating the Official Rules; (3) violating the terms of service, conditions of use or general rules or guidelines of any TXBOLO property or service; or (4) acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with the intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person. Any false information provided within the context of the Contest by any Entrant concerning identity, postal address, ownership of right or non-compliance with the Rules may result in the immediate elimination of an Entrant from the Contest. Texas Beacon of Light Outreach further reserves the right to disqualify any entry that it believes in its sole and unfettered discretion infringes upon any law or otherwise does not comply with these Rules. CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT BY AN ENTRANT OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY PROPERTY OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST MAY BE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS. SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, TXBOLO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

By participating in this Contest, participants agree and hereby grant TXBOLO permission to use, copy, modify and make available their submissions to the public (with or without attribution to participant) for any purpose, such as, but not limited to, press and media communications, without further compensation to participants. Participants also agree to participate in any media or promotional activity regarding the Contest. Winner agrees that TXBOLO may use participants name and likeness to administer and promote the Contest and to conduct media interviews and promotional events. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. By participating in this Contest, participants agree to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules and by Texas Beacon of Light Outreach decisions, which are final and binding on all matters pertaining to this Contest. Return of any prize/prize notification may result in disqualification and selection of an alternate winner. Any potential winner who cannot be contacted within ten (10) calendar days of attempted first notification will forfeit his or her prize. Potential prize winners may be required to sign, notarize, and return an Affidavit or Declaration of Eligibility, a Liability/Publicity Release, and provide any additional information that may be required by TXBOLO. Failure to comply within this time period may result in disqualification and selection of an alternate winner. TXBOLO is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the Contest or in the announcement of the prizes. Entrants certify that

their entry is original and that they are the sole and exclusive owner and rights holder of the submitted entry (or if they are not sole and exclusive owner and rights holder of the submitted entry, that they have obtained the necessary permission to include the entry in the Contest) and that they have the right to submit the entry in the Contest. Each entrant agrees not to participate in the Contest in any manner that might (1) infringe any third-party proprietary, intellectual property, industrial property, personal rights or other rights, including without limitation, copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret or confidentiality obligation; or (2) otherwise violate applicable law in any countries in the world.

No Recourse to Judicial or Other Procedures: To the extent permitted by law, the rights to litigate, to seek injunctive relief or to any other recourse to judicial or any other procedure in case of disputes or claims resulting from or in connection with this Contest are hereby excluded, and participants including but not limited to individual schools and school districts and organizations expressly waive any and all such rights. **LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY:** TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, PARTICIPANTS INDEMNIFY AND AGREE TO KEEP INDEMNIFIED TXBOLO AT ALL TIMES FROM AND AGAINST ANY LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES RESULTING FROM ANY ACT, DEFAULT OR OMISSION BY PARTICIPANTS AND/OR A BREACH OF ANY WARRANTY BY PARTICIPANTS SET FORTH HEREIN. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, PARTICIPANTS INDEMNIFY AND AGREE TO KEEP INDEMNIFIED TXBOLO AT ALL TIMES FROM AND AGAINST ANY LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES FOR OR IN RESPECT OF WHICH TXBOLO WILL OR MAY BECOME LIABLE BY REASON OF OR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL TO ANY ACT, DEFAULT OR OMISSION BY PARTICIPANT UNDER THESE RULES INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION RESULTING FROM OR IN RELATION TO ANY BREACH, NON-OBSERVANCE, ACT OR OMISSION WHETHER NEGLIGENT OR OTHERWISE, PURSUANT TO THESE RULES BY PARTICIPANT. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, PARTICIPANT AGREES TO HOLD TXBOLO, ITS RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND ASSIGNS HARMLESS FOR ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE CAUSED OR CLAIMED TO BE CAUSED BY PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST AND/OR USE OR ACCEPTANCE OF ANY PRIZE WON.

Third Parties: TXBOLO is not responsible for the policies, actions, or inactions of others, including Schools, that might prevent participants from entering, participating, and/or claiming a prize in this Contest.

Intellectual Property: By registering for the contest and/or submitting an entry participants agree explicitly that all components of music submitted, excluding music tracks and supporting statements are indeed original creations. Any intellectual property infringement, misuse or plagiarism of another person's work in any form or state will result

in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of eligibility to receive all awards, recognition and prizes. Participants also agree to allow TXBOLO to make public statements regarding any disqualifications and any grounds for disqualification.

Internet: TXBOLO is not responsible for electronic transmission errors resulting in omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operations or transmission. TXBOLO is not responsible for theft or destruction or unauthorized access to or alterations of Contest materials, or for technical, network, telephone equipment, electronic, computer, hardware or software malfunctions or limitations of any kind. TXBOLO is not responsible for inaccurate transmissions of or failure to display Contest materials on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website or any combination thereof. If for any reason the Internet portion of the Contest is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Contest, TXBOLO reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest.

Severability: If any provision(s) of these Rules are held to be invalid or unenforceable, all remaining provisions hereof will remain in full force and effect.



2013 LOVE SPEAKS: MUSIC FOR A CAUSE CONSENT FORM



Parent and/or Legal Guardian Written Consent to participate in the 2012 LOVE SPEAKS: MUSIC FOR A CAUSE CONTEST

All minors are required to submit a signed consent form in order to participate.

Instructions: Parents and/or legal guardians please read this Consent Form and the Contest Rules carefully. If you wish to give consent, please complete and sign this Consent Form, and return the signed and completed form to your child's AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM. Please do not send the Consent Form to Texas Beacon of Light Outreach directly. Your child's teacher will include your Consent Form in the program's submission packet before mailing the submission to TXBOLO. Submissions that are not accompanied by properly signed and completed Consent Forms and any other necessary information or materials will not be accepted by TXBOLO.

I (We),

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| Full name(s) of custodial and/or non-custodial parent(s)/legal guardian(s), |
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am (are) the lawful custodial and/or non-custodial parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of:

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| Child's full name ("Entrant") |
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| Age | Ethnicity | Grade Level |
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By signing below, the Entrant has my (our) consent and permission to the following listed below as well as, we agree to terms listed in the rules and regulations. (required)

Enter and participate in the Love Speaks: Music for A Cause ("Contest"). I (we) acknowledge that I (we) have read and understand the Contest Rules, and that I (we) and the Entrant will be bound by these Contest Rules.

Allow the Entrant's name, age, grade level, region, and school to be displayed along with their submitted song.

Participate in any media or promotional events, including any possible winner ceremonies, media interviews, and publicity events, related to the Contest.

By signing this form, I agree, confirm my authority over and consent to Texas Beacon of Light Outreach, use and disclosure of Minor's personal information in accordance with the rules of the Contest. Minors may be photographed and/or filmed, with the intent of the material being used in publications and promotional material (brochures, newsletters, website, etc.) relating to this contest. I also agree to Minor participating in media coverage (for example but not limited to being photographed, videotaped or interviewed) relating to this contest. Any coverage could include the use of Minor's name or other personal information. By my signature below, as Minor's parent or legal guardian, I give my consent to allow Minor to participate in this contest and I release Texas Beacon of Light Outreach, including its sponsors, affiliates, Board of Governors, employees, or agents from any and all liability that may arise from Minor's participation. Additionally, as Minor's parent or legal guardian, I assume all responsibility and liability for any injury, minor or serious, accidental or intentional, to Minor during participation in the ***Love Speaks: Music for a Cause*** contest. I hereby release, defend, and hold harmless Texas Beacon of Light Outreach, its sponsors, affiliates, Board of Governors, officers, employees or agents from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the images, recordings or written copy.

Privacy Disclaimer: Any personal information collected during the course of the Contest by TXBOLO will only be used for administering this competition, or as otherwise set out in the Contest Rules. Except where prohibited by law, participation in the Contest constitutes the Entrant's and his or her parent's/legal guardian's consent to the storage, use and disclosure of the Entrant's entry details as set out in the Contest Rules.

Any questions regarding this Written Consent can be directed to the undersigned at:

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| Number/street address and apt.# City, State | |
| Telephone # | |
| Signature of parents/guardians | Date |
| Please print names of parents/ guardians | Date |

Questions: info@txbeaconoflight.org or www.txbeaconoflight.org