



FOUNDATION BEYOND BELIEF

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Beyond Belief Network Guides: Virtual Contest or Talent Show Fundraiser

Your community is full of people with talent. What can your community members do? Paint? Dance? Sing? Woodworking? Give them a chance to show off their talent and raise some money.

How To

1. Recruit as many people as can or have time for to sing, dance, act, do standup, play a musical instrument — most things that can be done during an in person talent show can be done virtually. For an art contest, folks can submit their art ahead of time so that it can be shown in the best light and a slideshow can be created to make an easy presentation.
2. If you want to do the show live you can do a livestream and ask for donations for tickets to watch. Explains that there is a minimum donation that is considered their ticket. Alternatively, livestream for everyone for free with calls to donate on screen, in the description, and from an emcee. Either way, at the end everyone can vote for the winner.
3. If you don't want to do the show live, create a facebook group for the show where participants can post their entries before a deadline and then everyone can vote for the winner. Folks donate to enter the talent show and folks donate to vote.
4. [Tell us about your fundraiser](#) so we can create your customized donation portal. We need:
 - a. High quality picture of your team or logo for the top of page (if you don't submit anything we'll use our Humanism at Work logo)
 - b. Name of your team
 - c. Name of your fundraiser
 - d. Short description of your fundraiser (2-3 sentences)
 - e. The end date of your fundraiser so we can close the campaign on that day.

Some More Tips

- Start planning at least a month in advance so you have time to make arrangements and promote your event.
- Set a goal that is achievable, but not easy.
- Make an event page on Facebook, send invitations, announce it on your website, put an ad in local newsletters and newspapers, send email reminders a day or so before the event.
- Partner up with other groups! Let other local freethought groups know about your event. Consider contacting special interest clubs who would also support the charity you've chosen, or partner with religious groups and spark some friendly competition.
- Enjoy yourself!

Some Video Meeting Options

- [Zoom](#) – Free video conferencing for up to 100 people for up to 40 minutes. Paid plans available for longer meetings and more participants.
- [Google Meet](#) — Free plans temporarily include longer than 60 minutes calls through March 2021 and can include up to 100 participants.
- [Microsoft Teams](#)– Software for remote working. Free basic plan includes video conferencing up to 10,000 participants.
- [Facebook Live](#)
- [Google Hangouts](#) – Free video chat for up to 10 people. Paid plans available for more participants.
- [Jitsi](#) – Multi-platform open-source video conferencing. To skip all the fancy customizations and just start a meeting, go straight to [Jitsi Meet](#).
- [Skype](#) – Free videoconferencing. Participant limit depends on your device.

For more ideas check out BBN fundraising idea guides on our [resources](#) page!

Questions or Concerns?

If you need help with planning your event or have additional questions, the best way to contact Foundation Beyond Belief is to use the [contact webform](#), which enables us to track the resolution of your question.