



### **Round One - Contestant Auditions (In-Person or by Video)**

This is where you bring your best "funny" to make it to the next round. Bring your friends, family, co-workers and acquaintances, because the audience response can make a difference if you're a little nervous (or green).

If you don't make it through with a green pass, no worries... Your one-time entry fee of \$75 allows you to try out up to three times. That means going to one of the other Round One Auditions in Houston after San Antonio and using the video entry option. You will not be able to try out twice in the same day.

A **re-audition** option is to send us an email with the following:

- Your name
- Email address - the same one as on initial entry form
- A copy of your entry fee receipt
- A link to your comic video audition. It must be comic delivery, with your face showing clearly. It must be less than five minutes long.
- A statement in the email as to what will be so different if you audition a second time. (This will help the judges in their decisions).
- Send the email to: [production@dominionfilms.com](mailto:production@dominionfilms.com) You will receive an email with the judge's decision before Round Two competitions begin in late February and early March.
- Your video must be received no later than February 15, 2019.

### **INITIAL AUDITION BY EMAIL:**

First, pay your one-time entry fee

Send us an email with the following:

- Your name and a recent photo (head and shoulders only)
- Email address - the same one from your payment receipt
- A copy of your entry fee receipt
- A link to your comic video audition. It must be comic delivery, with your face showing clearly. It must be less than five minutes long.
- Send the email to: [production@dominionfilms.com](mailto:production@dominionfilms.com) You will receive an email with the judge's decision before Round Two competitions begin in late February and early March.
- Your video link and info must be received no later than February 15, 2019.

If you fail to make it to the next round, you can always audition again next year.



Questions? Email Us: [production@dominionfilms.com](mailto:production@dominionfilms.com)

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## Round Two - Competitions

There are fewer people now, if you make it this far, so be ready to step it up! This is now the competition. If you don't get selected to go to Round Three we will consider a link to your comic video if it is emailed to us and received no later than February 15, 2019. You will receive a decision via email. Be sure to include your name, email, the link and the best phone number for you. If you fail to make it to the next round, you can always audition again next year.

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## Round Three - Competitions

There are now ten contestants left who will compete on the road to the finals. If you are not passed to the next round, you are out of chances to get selected or brought back. You will have the opportunity to return next year at a half price entry fee (which is non-transferable). The lower fee is because you made it this far..

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## Round Four - Competitions

Now there are only five comics competing to be among the top three finalists. The time on stage is longer and the audience is more involved. The judges have more intense deliberations. Two people must be eliminated. If you are not selected to stay, we will invite you to come back next year to compete, at zero entry fee (which is non-transferable).

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## Round Five - Finals

**There are three factors in the judges scoring in this round:**

- The remaining three finalists will have to complete a surprise challenge in the fastest time, while maintaining their comic humor. Cameras will follow each comic through the challenge, catching every grimace, smirk, fart, joke and plea every step of the way. The completion time will be a factor in your overall final scoring.
- The three finalists will each compete with a fifteen minute onstage comedy set, and finally,
- The audience response will be taken into account during each set.

**The comic with the highest combined score, from the challenge and comedy set, in the final round will be named the Next Great Comic.**

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## **The Prizes:**

### **The First Place Winner will receive:**

- \$500
- Trophy for "The Next Great Comic, 2019"
- Winner Certificate
- Winner T-Shirt:
- Free entry to come back next year and defend your title. You will enter beginning at Round Two.

**The 2nd Place** comic will receive a Finalist certificate and 1st Runner-Up, Next Great Comic T-shirt. You will also be invited to return next year, beginning at Round Two. Your entry fee will be waived.

**The 3rd Place** comic will receive a Finalist certificate and can return next year, beginning at Round Two. You will have to pay the entry fee next year.

