

Alabama Tamil Sangam (ATS) Annual Cultural Event 2025

- Invitation to Participate

Dear ATS Members and Friends,

We are excited to announce the upcoming **ATS Annual Cultural Event**, a celebration of Tamil culture, creativity, and community. This event is an opportunity for members to showcase their talents through various performances, and we encourage everyone to participate and make this event memorable!

Participation Guidelines

1. **Types of Performances:** ATS welcomes performances in a variety of formats, such as:
 - **Drama**
 - **Dance**
 - **Skits**
 - **Singing**
2. While Tamil performances are given preference, we are open to other languages performances to accommodate a diverse range of talents.
3. ATS is a member-driven non-profit organization, and we recommend participants be registered, paid ATS members or non members attend with a nominal fee.
4. **Group Participation:**
 - **For Adults/ High Schoolers:** Performances should involve **a minimum two members per group**.
 - **For Middle School and Younger Kids:** Group performances should include **at least four kids**.
5. **Number of Performances:** Each participant is allowed to perform in **up to two different groups**, allowing for a variety of participation while maintaining a manageable event schedule.
6. **Slot Allocation by Age Group:**
 - Age Group Categories:
 - i. Middle School and Below: 5 slots
 - ii. High School and Adults - 7 slots
 - If more participation applications than designated above are received for any age group, your applications might be placed on a waitlist. We will follow a **first-come-first-serve** basis and recommend that you submit your applications as soon as possible.
 - The above-designated slots will be adjusted based on the community response and the possible total length of programs, and the organizing group's decisions are final.
 - When participants in a group transverse through the two different age groups defined above, the organized group will decide the category the performance belongs to.

7. **Time Allocation for Performances:** To ensure a smooth flow and to accommodate all performances, the following time limits apply (excluding setup time):

- **2 - 4 participants:** 5 minutes
- **5 -10 participants:** 10 minutes
- **10 or more participants:** 15 minutes
- **Drama/Skit:** 20 minutes

Please plan your performance within these timeframes to ensure fair stage time for all.

We look forward to witnessing your creativity and celebrating our culture together. If you have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Let's make this ATS Cultural Event an unforgettable one!

Warm regards,

Alabama Tamil Sangam (ATS)