

Awards and Prizes

1. I.B.M. Stage Contest – Youth Category (Ages 7–17):

- **1st Place:** Trophy + \$500 USD.
- If elevated to Gold Medal: Additional \$2,000 USD and the Gold Medal.
- **Award of Merit (2nd Place):** \$250 USD.

2. I.B.M. Stage Contest – Adult Category (Ages 18+):

- **1st Place:** Trophy + \$1,000 USD.
- If elevated to Gold Medal: Additional \$2,000 USD and the Gold Medal.
- **Award of Merit (2nd Place):** \$500 USD.

3. I.B.M. Stage Contest – People’s Choice Award:

- \$500 USD (selected by the audience).

4. I.B.M. Close-Up Contest – Youth Category (Ages 7–17):

- **1st Place:** Trophy + \$500 USD.
- If elevated to Gold Cups: additional \$2,000 USD and the Gold Cups.
- **Award of Merit (2nd Place):** \$250 USD.

5. I.B.M. Close-Up Contest – Adult Category (Ages 18+):

- **1st Place:** Trophy + \$1,000 USD.
- If elevated to Gold Cups: Additional \$2,000 USD and the Gold Cups.
- **Award of Merit (2nd Place):** \$500 USD.

6. I.B.M. Close-Up Contest – People’s Choice Award:

- \$500 USD (selected by the audience).

7. Karrell Fox Comedy Award:

- Awarded to a Stage Contestant demonstrating exceptional comedic timing and wit. This award is given at the unanimous discretion of the judges and is not presented annually.