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Four States Gospel Music Association *Purpose*

A non profit organization consisting of a group of Local artists, desiring a support group for the diverse ministries in the four states area. Founded in 2000.

This serves as a "central office" in which pastors or promoters can contact, to secure talent for special functions they may be having at their church & special gatherings. Also, groups or soloists which have a desire to sing the gospel & need help with bookings, bio-mission statements, photographs, etc...The association would be in a position to help someone get started in their ministry. Exposure for the growth of your ministry is accomplished through venues in different cities twice a year.

We encourage churches, music directors, recording studios, ministers, songwriters or ANY individual who has an interest in gospel music, to become a member.

ANY ONE can be a **supporter**, just fill out & mail the appropriate application sheet, along with your \$25.00, and send to our office. Benefits of becoming a supporter, gives your business an ad in each program printed for each Hosted concert. Also, voting rights, and you are eligible to hold a position in the FSGMA, upon board approval, PLUS you are supporting the furtherance of the GOSPEL.

The association has open meetings on the 3rd Monday evening every other month, starting in Jan. **Meetings are held at RHEMA BAPTIST CHURCH 3810 Grand, Texarkana AR @ 7p-845p.** We encourage you to attend the open meetings, to help stay informed of upcoming events, etc...Meetings are open to the general public. Special talent from the members presented at each open meeting.

Qualifications to perform on programs:

1. Your performing **LEVEL** must first be established, by filling out the appropriate application. (see application for details)
2. If you are a level **ONE soloist**, you are allowed **one song** on the 4States GMA concerts, until level 2 has been reached.
3. If you are a level **TWO soloist**, you will be allowed ½ of the time allotted to the LEVEL 2 group, on each program. These times are determined by the venue.
4. If you are a level **ONE group**, you will be allotted ½ of performance time allotted to a level 2 group, on each program. These times are determined by the venue.
5. If you are a level **TWO group**, you will be allotted a time slot on each program. These times are determined by the venue.

A performer **MUST** be an active member for at **least 30** days prior to the event, unless waived by an official board member, by valid reasons only.

1 year Membership Fees:

Supporter only \$25.00

Level ONE; soloist \$12.50 group \$20.00

Level TWO; soloist \$25.00 group \$40.00

Our goal is to host professional, **QUALITY**, and spiritual CONCERTS in TEXAS, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, AND OKLAHOMA, along with a yearly ***SPRING FESTIVAL, CONVENTION, AND A FALL FESTIVAL****

*All **proceeds & love offerings received** at each event, goes into the general fund of the FSGMA, for operating expense, & concert promotions.

DRESS CODE

Ladies, dress modestly. No jeans, or slacks while performing on stage. Gentlemen, no shorts, tank tops & no earrings, on stage. Try to be as professional as possible while participating in the concerts, & remember, we are a 'front cover' for the ministry.