



## Talent Music Search Instructions

BMI/ASCAP/PD Music Licensing Coverage

Music Clearance - Required

### How to search BMI (Broadcast Music, Inc.)

- go to <https://www.bmi.com/search>
- enter music selection in “BMI Repertoire” search box or select BMI Songview

### How to search ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers)

- go to <https://www.ascap.com/>
- enter music selection in “Search on ASCAP.com” or select “Repertory” to search the ASCAP Songview

### How To Properly Submit Your Music Selection

Once you find your talent music is 100% covered by the Publishing Rights Organizations (PROs) ASCAP, BMI, or Public Domain, or a combination of these then:

- Select Print Option of the actual webpage and save in PDF format to submit with Production 1: Miss Talent Production Form.
- Do not send a Screenshot.
- Reminder: Obtain all the information (Complete Title, Composer, Publisher, etc.) and include it with your Production Form.

### Important Notes

- It is usually best to begin your search by title. Once the title comes up then match the writer(s). Be sure the title and the writer(s) match the song you plan to use.
- Your music selection must be 100% covered by ASCAP, BMI, Public Domain, or a combination of these approved sites – no exceptions, 99.9% is not 100%.
- Do not assume your music selection classifies as Public Domain (PD) because of the date it was published. Whether a song is PD depends on MANY things—laws vary depending on WHEN the piece was created, as well as WHERE your talent act will be exhibited. Sometimes PD pieces have newer arrangements and require PRO clearance. For more info go to: [www.pdinfo.com](http://www.pdinfo.com).