

Lafayette country singer advances to final showdown

Singer/songwriter and Lafayette High School senior Korey Blake Rose is headed to Nashville as one of five finalists in the Colgate Country Showdown, a nationwide talent contest.

“I think I’ve got a pretty good shot at it. I’ve got some good songs,” he said after his recent advancement to the national finals. Rose won the Northeast Regional on Oct. 25, beating out eight other contestants. Now he gets an all expense-paid trip to compete for the \$100,000 grand prize, recording contract and the title of Best New Act in Country Music.

The final showdown, to be hosted by country star LeAnn Rimes, will be Jan. 15 at the Ryman Auditorium, the one-time home of the Grand Ole Opry. The show will be televised in the spring.

- [Read more about Korey Blake Rose and hear his song “Letter from Daddy”](#)