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On May 20, a ceremony was held to award the winners of the Countrywide Performance Competition held among pupils and students of secondary and higher vocational schools.

The main goal of the competition was to organize effective leisure of pupils and students of secondary and higher vocational schools, discover talented youth, and instill national and moral values in the younger generation.

Launched on February 1, the competition featured three stages. The participants of the first stage were selected by the jury panels at secondary and higher vocational schools. The second, zonal stage, involved cities and districts across the country. Held in Ganja, Lankaran, Gabala, Aghjabadi, Shamakhi, Sumgait, Shirvan and Baku, this stage involved a total of 670 pupils and students representing 49 secondary vocational and 33 higher vocational schools. 61 pupils and students who ranked first in the zonal stage and finished as winners and runners-up in Baku qualified for the countrywide stage, which wrapped up on April 28. The countrywide stage saw 23 children rank first, 12 finish second and 18 take third place.

The competition featured four nominations, including songs, tasnifs and folk songs, poems and dances.

Jury panels consisting of renowned culture and arts figures were set up for every nomination in order to ensure transparency in the selection of winners.

The winners were awarded certificates and valuable prizes by the Ministry of Education.