

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR TALENT CONTEST

Tuesday @ 7:00pm

Entry fee for each category is \$30.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES

1. The purpose of the Youth Talent Contest is to discover, develop, and encourage talent in the youth of this area. It is designed primarily for amateur talent, but any act which qualifies otherwise is eligible, even if the act received pay at some time EXCEPT where the person(s) are actually engaged in the entertainment business, or paid instructors of the Arts. Acts that may be considered professional should be brought to the attention of the County/ District Fair Manager who will be responsible for notifying the State Competitive Events Administrator and/or State Youth Talent Director will determine the contestant's eligibility. Their decision will be final.
2. Contestants for the Jr Youth Talent Contest must be between the ages of 10-15 and Sr Youth Talent contestants 16-21, by October 14. (opening day of the State Fair) Any contestants appearing younger or older than the required age should be prepared to furnish proof of age to the local and state directors.
3. Contestants must be legal residents of Columbia County. Contestants must not have ever been convicted of any crime, nor have any criminal charged pending.
4. No contestant is allowed to compete in more than 2 different categories.
5. Contestants must legally reside in Columbia County for 6 months immediately preceding the county contest OR must be a full-time student who has attended school (academic, not dance etc.) for one full semester preceding the county contest. The State Fair is now requiring the county to send their county winners to the state contest, and their runners up to the district competition.
6. In the event that a contestant legally resides in one county and attends school in another county in Arkansas, the contestant may compete at the county level in one and only one of these 2 counties,
7. Contestants are REQUIRED to attend and be on time to rehearsal and the talent contest. Absent or tardy contestants are subject to disqualification. Rehearsal is extremely important, to ensure a smooth contest.
8. Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct of any kind could result in disqualification, not only from this year's contest, but any future county contest as well.
9. Any inappropriate lyrics of a song in ANY category or any inappropriate moves in the dance and variety categories will result in immediate disqualification. The contest director has the right to interrupt a performance if it is deemed not suitable for the youth talent contest.
10. No decorative or background props of any kind will be allowed. A prop must be used as a functional part of the act. Questionable problems must be discussed with the director, prior to the rehearsal.
11. Any act MUST NOT EXCEED THE 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT. All acts are also limited to a 1-minute time to set up any equipment. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

1. VOCAL SOLO shall consist only of a vocal performance by one vocalist. No other talent may be performed in conjunction with the vocal solo. CD's used for accompaniment will be allowed to provide limited vocal background.
2. VOCAL GROUP shall consist of 2 or no more than 15 vocalists. No other talent may be performed. CD's used for accompaniment will be allowed to provide limited vocal background.
3. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO shall consist of and instrumental performance without vocal utterance by one performer. Recorded accompaniment may be used. Contestants are encouraged to memorize their piece, rather than use sheet music on stage. Piano will be provided by the fair. NO DRUMS.
4. DANCE SOLO shall consist of one dancer. No other talent may be displayed in conjunction with the dance performance. All types of dancing will be judged in this category- tap, jazz, ballet, folk, ethnic, fad, etc. Gymnastics, tumbling, acrobatics, or any other form of gymnastics is not included in this category. However, a routine can include a maximum of 2 gymnastic or acrobatic stunts.
5. DANCE GROUP shall consist of 2 or no more than 15 dancers. No other talent may be displayed in conjunction with the dance performance. The same rules listed under dance solo apply.
6. VARIETY shall consist of a performance of 2 or no more than 15 people. This category is intended to provide a proper showcase for those acts in which multiple talents are displayed. Act that fit the description of any other category will not be allowed to compete in this category. The following acts qualify for this category: song and dance, vocal and live instrumental, lip sync, pantomimes, impersonations, skits, juggling, ventriloquism, magic, and any other talent not applicable to any of the other categories. No act may include a drum set. No baton acts are included in this category.

A winner will be chosen in each of the 6 categories (in both Jr and Sr divisions) as well as an Overall winner and 3 runners up. Winners in each category will qualify to compete at the State Fair.

CASH PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED THAT NIGHT.

Kid's talent contest will also be included in the completion for kids ages 4-9. A winner and 2 runners up will be awarded in this category. These winners will not qualify to compete at the State Fair, as the state competition in this category is open.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE FAIR! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

For more information contact: Emily Manion-Barker at 870-299-0628

Send all forms and entry fees to:

Columbia County Fair Association

Emily Manion-Barker

620 East North

Magnolia, AR 71753

Columbia County Youth Talent Contest

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Talent Categories (See competition rules for descriptions and pick one category)

Vocal Solo__ Vocal Group__ Instrumental Solo__ Dance Solo__ Dance Group__ Variety__

Kids (4-9) _____ Jr. Youth (10-15) _____ Sr. Youth (16-21) _____

Description- Type of: Instrument _____ Dance _____ Variety _____

Name of Act (if group): _____

Name of song/music etc. _____

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND ENTRY FEE BY

WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO FAIR

TO:

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(If you are competing in 2 different categories, you will need you complete 2 separate forms)