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Accompaniment tracks (if applicable) must be emailed by **DEADLINE, 3min or less,** and in **mp3 or ACC format.**

2020 Benton County Fair

Youth Talent Contest

Entry Form

Entry Deadline

July 31, 2020

5:00pm

Including Music Track

(see above)

Mandatory Rehearsal

August 3, 2020

5:00pm

Outdoor Stage

Benton County Fairgrounds

Contest Performance

August 5, 2020

7:00pm

Outdoor Stage

Benton County Fairgrounds

(age the day of competition)

Kids Division (Ages 4-9) _____ Junior Division (Ages 10-15) _____ Senior Division (Ages 16-21) _____

Vocal Solo _____ Vocal Group _____ Instrumental Solo _____ Dance Solo _____ Dance Group _____ Variety _____

Type of Instrument(s) _____ Dance _____ Variety: _____

Name of Song/Act: _____

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contestant Signature: _____ Guardian Signature: _____

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contestant Signature: _____ Guardian Signature: _____

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contestant Signature: _____ Guardian Signature: _____

***Please list additional contestants on next page**

BY SIGNATURE ABOVE, CONTESTANTS AND PARENTS ACKNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES OF THIS CONTEST

Print Name of One Adult Responsible for Contestant/Group

Cell Phone Number

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Additional Contestants in Group

(if applicable)

Name of Song/Act: _____

Total Number of Contestants in Group: _____

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contestant Signature: _____ Guardian Signature: _____

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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****Print and complete additional pages if more than 10 contestants in group (limit: 15)**

Youth Talent Contest Rules

Benton County Fair

***The following are relevant “adapted” excerpts from the Arkansas State Fair Rules

You can find them in their entirety at www.arkansasstatefair.com/fair

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

There are six (6) categories in the Benton County Youth Talent Contest for each age division. Competing acts must qualify by one of the following category descriptions:

1. **VOCAL SOLO** shall consist only of a vocal performance by one vocalist. You may accompany yourself with a musical instrument or make use of a recorded accompaniment.
2. **VOCAL GROUP** shall consist of two or no more than fifteen vocalists. No other talent may be performed. A recorded music accompaniment is allowed.
3. **INSTRUMENTAL SOLO** shall consist of an instrumental performance without vocal utterance by one performer. Recorded accompaniment may be used. An electric keyboard will be provided by the County Fair for Instrumental Solo. All contestants must use the same keyboard that is provided. Contestant must notify the County Youth Director one week prior to rehearsal if a keyboard is needed.
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 dance routine can include a maximum of two gymnastic or acrobatic stunts.
5. **DANCE GROUP** shall consist of two or no more than fifteen 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 one or no more than fifteen people. This category is intended to provide a proper showcase for those acts in which multiple talents are displayed. Acts 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, lip sync, pantomimes, impersonations, skits, juggling, ventriloquism, magic, baton and any other talent not applicable to any of the other categories. If needed, an electric keyboard will be provided by the County Fair. All contestants must use the same keyboard. Contestant must notify the County Youth Director one week prior to rehearsal if a keyboard is needed.

QUALIFICATIONS & RULES

1. The Youth Talent Contest 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 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 Youth Talent Director so they may notify the State Director should the contestant qualify for State Competition.

2. Any contestant appearing younger or older than the age limits specified should be prepared to furnish proof of age to the County Contest Director.
3. Contestants must be legal residents of Benton County, Arkansas. Contestants must not have ever been convicted of any crime or have any criminal charges pending.
4. The winner of each of each Junior & Senior talent categories will be eligible to compete at the Arkansas State Fair.
5. No contestant will be allowed to compete in more than two categories.
6. In the event a contestant's parents are divorced and live in separate counties and have been court ordered to reside jointly with both parents, the contestant can only compete in one of the two counties in which the contestant's parents reside.
7. If there is a tie for winner in any category, the County Youth Talent Director will determine which winner will be eligible to compete at the State Fair.
8. If the winner of a category chooses not to compete in the Arkansas State Fair, and notifies Director before entry forms are submitted, the runner-up may compete in their stead.
9. All acts must be performed on the stage. Please keep the stage dimensions in mind when preparing your talent presentation.
10. Contestants are required to be on time for rehearsal and contest. Please notify the Director in advance if there is a conflict with the rehearsal and accommodations (i.e. going first or last) might be possible as long as it falls within the allotted rehearsal time.
11. Entry forms must be legible and signed by contestant(s) and contestant's parent or guardian (unless 18 years of age or older); (3) director.
12. There is no fee for competing in the Youth Talent Contest.
13. No entry forms will be accepted after the deadline listed on form.
14. Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by a contestant, parent, relative, or even a supporter of a contestant could result in disqualification of the contestant not only from this year's contest but also from future participation.
15. The contest director has the right to interrupt a performance if it is deemed inappropriate for the Youth Talent Competition. If this should arise during rehearsal, the contestant will have the opportunity to make necessary changes to the act before rehearsal's end.
16. No decorative or background props of any kind will be allowed. A prop must be used as a functional part of the contestant's act. Questionable props must be discussed and approved by the Director before arrival.
17. The director and/or county fair management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the contest, and the right to amend or add to these rules as their judgment may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules will be disqualified from the contest by the County Contest Director and/or state fair management.

18. All acts must not exceed the **3-minute time limit** (including recorded introduction). Accompaniment tracks (if applicable) must meet this time limit requirement. Tracks must be emailed in mp3 or ACC format to address provided on the entry form. They must be submitted by the deadline posted on the entry form.
19. Professional sound equipment is provided. No personal players or microphones will be allowed. All contestants must use the same keyboard that is provided.
20. All acts will be judged on talent, appearance, preparedness and entertainment value. All contestants' appearance and talent packages are subject to approval of the County Contest Director. Dressing areas will be provided for contestants who perform in costume.
21. For Junior and Senior Divisions, **ONLY** contestants are allowed backstage. Contestants performing in the Kids Division will each be allowed one adult guardian backstage.
22. A winning act from each category within each division will be announced. A Grand Champion for each division will be announced.
23. The judges will be appointed by the County Youth Talent Director. They will be persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind. Their decision will be final. Judges scores are confidential. All acts will be judged on talent, appearance, preparedness and entertainment value.
24. For any questions, please email the County Youth Talent Director (address provided on entry form).