

YOUTH TALENT SHOW RULES

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10:00 am
Multi-Purpose Building

Contestants in the Perry County Fair Youth Talent Show will compete in the appropriate age division. Divisions are based on age by opening day of the Arkansas State Fair. Contestants age 13 and over are not allowed to compete in both talent and pageants as the pageant winners must compete at the state fair. 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. County winners must compete at the state fair and runner-ups must compete at the district competition, if the fair dates of the district fair are not the same as the county fair dates.

Divisions:

Kids – Ages 5-9

Youth – Ages 10-13

Junior – Ages 14-17

Senior – Ages 18-23

Contestants must be a resident of Perry County for 6 months immediately preceding the county contest or must be a full-time student who has attended school (academic, not dance, etc.) in Perry County for one full semester immediately preceding contest. Contestant must not have a criminal record.

Junior and senior division winners will compete at the Arkansas State Fair. If they win at the Arkansas State Fair, they will not be eligible to compete at the Perry County Fair and Arkansas State Fair the following year. They will be eligible to compete the second year after winning the Arkansas State Fair.

Runner-ups are eligible to compete at the district fair.

No contestant will be allowed to compete in more than two categories. Any props must be used as a functional part of the contest act. The fair does not provide music, instruments, or props.

Any inappropriate lyrics of a song in the vocal and variety categories or 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 not deemed suitable for the talent show.

Any act must not exceed the 3 minute time limit (including recorded introduction). CD accompaniment is also subject to the same 3 minute time limit. All acts are limited to a 1 – minute time limit to set up equipment.

There will be an Overall Winner of the Youth Talent Show who will receive a \$50.00 cash prize. There will be an Overall Second Place Winner who will receive a \$25.00 cash prize and an Overall Third Place Winner who will receive a \$10.00 cash prize.

Divisional winners will receive a trophy.

There are 6 categories of competition.

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 for accompaniment will be allowed.

Vocal Group shall consist of two or no more than fifteen vocalists. No other talent may be performed. CD's for accompaniment will be allowed.

Instrumental Solo shall consist of an instrumental performance without vocal utterance by one performer. Taped accompaniment may be used. The fair does not provide key boards. NO DRUMS

Dance Solo shall consist of one dancer. No other talent may be displayed with the dance performance. Tap, jazz, ballet, folk, ethnic, fad, etc. will be judged in this category. A routine can include two gymnastic or acrobatic stunts.

Dance Group shall consist of two or no more that fifteen dancers. No other talent may be displayed with the dance performance. Same rules as listed under Dance Solo apply.

Variety shall consist of a performance of one or no more than fifteen people. Acts that qualify for variety: song and dance, vocal and live instrumental, lip sync, pantomimes, impersonations, skits, juggling, ventriloquism, and magic. NO DRUMS and NO BATONS