



Youth Talent Contest

Thursday, August 23, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Museum Stage

Contest is open to amateurs only between the ages of 13 - 21, inclusive, as of September 15, 2018.

Entry forms and information available for download on the fair web site www.appalachianfair.com under FORMS, or by calling the Appalachian Fair Office at (423) 477-3211.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
AUGUST 6th**

**IF PRELIMINARY AUDITIONS NEED TO BE HELD, CONTESTANTS
WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DATE AND TIME.**

Contest Rules:

1. Age limits are 13 through 21, inclusive as of September 15, 2018.
2. This contest is not open to professionals. Professional is defined as anyone who is a union member, has a professional manager or whose principle and supporting income is derived from performing.

A professional entertainer is hereby defined as one who earns more than half of his/her normal living expenses by performing in any of the categories of competition of the Appalachian Fair Youth Talent Contest, i.e. a professional dancer may not compete in the Youth Contest as an amateur singer, musician, etc.

A professional is further defined for Youth Talent Contest purposes as one who is a union member or one who has signed a contract with a professional agent or manager who is paid with either salary or commission for services rendered in securing employment in the entertainment field. Furthermore, an entertainer who sings or otherwise performs on any record released for commercial distribution through normal retail outlets shall be considered a professional by the Youth Talent Contest. This does not prohibit an entertainer from self-producing a record for sale or distribution to friends and associates such as in church group activities.

3. This contest is not open to baton twirlers or similar acts using batons or machetes. No fire will be allowed on the stage during this competition.
4. In any vocal category, instrumental accompaniment by the persons in the act or others is allowed, but must assume pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed.

NO VOCAL UTTERANCE MAY BE USED FOR ACCOMPANIMENT BY CONTESTANTS IN ANY VOCAL CATEGORY. NO VOCAL BACKGROUNDS ALLOWED ON CD'S/PHONES/MPS'S.

5. In an instrumental solo, live accompaniment is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be the solo performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for accompaniment.
6. In a band, no accompaniment is allowed. All performers must meet the age qualifications of the Appalachian Fair/Tennessee Valley Fair Regional Youth Talent Contest
7. In any dance category, accompanists are permitted on stage, but must not assume visual importance in the performance.

8. In a group act, all persons assuming visual importance in the act must meet the age qualifications of the Appalachian Fair/Tennessee Valley Regional Youth Talent Contest.
9. Any act may drop a member as listed on the entry form, but MAY NOT ADD OR REPLACE any member listed on the form.
10. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AN ACT SHOULD RUN NO MORE THAN 3 MINUTES AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES RUN MORE THAN 4 MINUTES. **ANY ACT RUNNING MORE THAN 4 MINUTES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.** THIS INCLUDES BANDS. AN OFFICIAL TIMER WILL BE PRESENT AT THE CONTEST.
11. All contestants will use only the lighting system provided.
12. All contestants, excluding bands, will use only the sound system and the sound operator as provided. Bands may use their own amps.
13. All music for accompaniment must be on CD, Phone, or MP3 and be of the HIGHEST QUALITY. Please bring a backup Phone, CD, or MP3.
14. No Teachers, or parents, will be allowed on stage during the contest.
15. Only one (1) person, other than those visible on stage, will be allowed backstage with each act. This includes all parents and teachers.
16. Contestant's may make changes in their act prior to the Appalachian Fair/Tennessee Valley Fair as long as those changes will not result in a change of category.
17. Contestant's eligibility will be left to the discretion of the contest committee. Their decision is final. Previous first place winners may not compete in subsequent years. Depending on the number of entries, a preliminary audition may be held. If it is determined preliminary auditions are necessary, you will be notified of the time and place.

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Winners in the Appalachian Fair Youth Talent Contest are eligible to enter the Tennessee Valley Regional Youth Talent Contest. The first place winner is guaranteed an invitation to this event.

Appalachian Fair Awards

\$500 1st Place
\$300 2nd Place
\$200 3rd Place

Tennessee Valley Regional Fair Awards

\$1,500 1st Place
(Plus additional opportunities to
perform for the Tennessee Valley Fair
on an as needed basis)
\$ 500 2nd Place
\$ 300 3rd Place

Scoring Sheet:

_____	1-10	Appearance
_____	1-10	Originality
_____	1-20	Showmanship
_____	1-20	Technical Ability
_____	1-40	Performance/Skill
_____	100 (max.)	Total Points

Contestants may send a video tape or DVD of their performance. The video tape/DVD must be received with the application and be postmarked on or before August 6th.

If a preliminary contest needs to be held, contestants will not have to be present at the preliminary audition if they choose to send their recorded performance.

Everyone will be notified by mail if they are or are not one of the 15 finalists for this event.

**Youth Talent Contest
Official Entry Form**

Appalachian Fair Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 8218, Gray, TN 37615
Phone: 423-477-3211 or E-Mail - appfair@embarqmail.com
Fax: 423-477-3853

Performance: Thursday, August 23, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Please Print or Type all Information

Name of Act: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Description of Act: _____

Age / Birthdate (required) _____

Music Selection Title: _____

Exact Time of Performance: _____ Min. _____ Sec. (Cannot exceed 4 min.)

Individual to be Contacted: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

If act has more than one person, please list information of each member of act. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Name:	Age/Birthdate:	Address:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I (We) have read the rules governing the Youth Talent Contest and agree to abide by them.

Signature of Contestant or Leader: _____

The above information will be certified by the contest coordinator.

The above mentioned does hereby consent to the use of pictures or audio to be used in conjunction with promotion of this event. Background vocals or karaoke accompaniments will not be allowed on any soundtracks.

Entry must be postmarked by August 6th. You will be contacted if a preliminary audition will be held for contestant selection.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____