



Youth Talent Contest

Thursday, August 25, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Museum Stage

Contest is open to amateurs only between the ages of 13 - 21, inclusive, as of September 10, 2011.

Entry forms and information available by calling Appalachian Fair Office (423) 477-3211 or www.appalachianfair.com

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
JULY 31, 2011**

**PRELIMINARY AUDITION MAY BE HELD AUGUST 6, 2011
AT THE FAIRGROUND**

Contest Rules:

1. Age limits are 13 through 21, inclusive as of September 10, 2011.
2. This contest is not open to professionals. Professional is defined as anyone who is a member of a performers union, has a professional manager, or their supporting income is derived from performing (1/2 of his/her normal living expenses).
3. Entries will be accepted in the following categories:
 - Vocal Solo
 - Vocal Group (10 or less)
 - Instrumental Solo
 - Band (7 or less)
 - Dance Solo
 - Dance Group (10 or less)
 - Variety (5 or less)
4. This contest is not open to baton twirlers, machete acts or any acts using fire.
5. 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 could stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. NO VOICE/VOICES ON ACCOMPANIMENT TRACKS RESEMBLING VOCAL UTTERANCES OR BACKGROUND SINGING MAY BE USED FOR ACCOMPANIMENT BY CONTESTANTS IN THE VOCAL CATEGORY.
6. In an instrumental solo, accompaniment is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. No instrument of the same nature may be used for the accompaniment.
7. IMPORTANT: Music for accompaniment must be of the highest quality. Always bring a back up CD.
8. In a group act, all persons assuming visual importance in the act must meet the age qualifications of the Appalachian Fair Youth Talent contest.
9. Any act may drop a member as listed on the entry form, but a member may not be added or replace any member listed on the original entry form.

10. It is recommended that an act should not run more than 3 minutes and under no circumstances can the act exceed 4 minutes. Acts will be disqualified if they exceed 4 minutes. An official timer will be present at the audition and during the Fair contest.
11. All contestants will use only the lighting system as provided by the Fair.
12. All contestants, excluding bands, will use only the sound system and sound operator as provided by the Fair. Bands may use their own amps.
13. Teachers nor parents are allowed on stage during the Fair contest.
14. Only one person will be allowed backstage with each act.
15. 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. You will be notified of the time and place for the preliminary audition by August 1, 2011.

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.

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Appalachian Fair Awards

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

Tennessee Valley Regional Fair Awards

\$1,000	1 st Place
\$ 350	2 nd Place
\$ 250	3 rd Place
\$ 150	4 th Place

Scoring Sheet:

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

**Youth Talent Contest
Official Entry Form**

Appalachian Fair Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 8218, Gray, TN 37615
Phone: 423-477-3211
Fax: 423-477-3853

Performance: Thursday, August 25, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Please Print or Type all Information

Name of Act: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Description of Act: _____

Music Selection Title: _____

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

Individual to be Contacted: _____

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 July 31, 2011. You will be contacted by August 1 if a preliminary audition will be held for contestant selection.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Contestants may send a video tape or DVD of their performance. The video tape/DVD must be received with the application and be postmarked by July 31, 2011.

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. You will be contacted no later than August 10, 2011.