

# Three County Fair Youth Talent Contest

As contestants, you will submit a video for competition. The virtual competition will follow the guidelines below:

## **ONE (1) video will be submitted**

- **Conduct your three minute (3 minutes) talent routine that you would do for a live competition. Please note, in a live show, three minutes is the time limit. The same time limit will be followed for the virtual competition.**
- **You will be responsible in getting the video emailed to [TCFTalent@yahoo.com](mailto:TCFTalent@yahoo.com) by September 28 at midnight. Please include contestant's name, parent/guardian name, county of residence and age. Also state which division you are entering. Please send a separate email for each entry.**
- Recording your video:
  - Record your videos in the luxury of your own setting. Please be aware of the background in which you record your video and background noises. If you choose to use any lighting, you may. Please ensure the lighting compliments you rather than overshadowing you and that all music is in good taste.
- **Attire requirements set forth in the rules below must be followed, just as if we were having a live competition.**
- **By submitting a video, you are stating that you are the owner of the video and permission is given for Three County Fair to share any video they deem appropriate to social media accounts belonging to the fair. Videos of minors must be accompanied by permission granted by a parent or legal guardian. IF THERE IS A REASON A VIDEO CANNOT BE SHARED, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR EMAIL ENTRY.**

## **QUALIFICATIONS & RULES**

1. The purpose of the Three County Fair Youth Talent Contest is to discover, develop, and encourage talent in the youth of Cross, Jackson and Woodruff counties. 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 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 Talent Director. The Talent Director will determine the contestant's eligibility. Their decision will be final.
2. Junior Contestants must be 10 years of age and not more than 15 years of age by the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair. Senior Contestants must be 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age by the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair. Any contestant appearing younger or older than the age limits specified should be prepared to furnish proof of age to the Talent Director.
3. Contestants must be legal residents or attend school in Cross, Jackson or Woodruff county. Contestants must not have ever been convicted of any crime or have any criminal charges pending.
4. Contestants can only compete in the county contest and win the Youth Talent Contest sanctioned by the County which they legally reside in. 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. The State Fair is now requiring the county send their county winners to the state competition. County contestants can compete at the respective district competition. Contestants must have entered a sanctioned county contest to compete.

5. Entries to the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest are limited to one act in each of the six (6) categories from each County or District Fair sanctioned by the Arkansas State Fair. Counties with two recognized Arkansas fairs can send one act for each of the 6 categories from each fair providing that each holds a sanctioned Youth Talent Contest. Any tie at the County or District level must be broken prior to entry in the State Contest. If a County or District Fair sends more than one act in any one category, all the acts in that category from that County or District will be disqualified.

6. In the event a County or District winner is unable to compete at the State Contest, the County or District Contest Official can send a runner-up to represent their fair.

7. Any inappropriate lyrics of a song in the vocal division, 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 Youth Talent Competition.

8. The director and/or fair management of the Three County fair youth talent contest 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 regional and state contests by the state contest director and/or state fair management.

## **LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE**

All acts must not exceed the 3-minute time limit (including recorded introduction).

## **COMPETITION CATEGORIES**

There are six (6) categories in the Three County Fair Youth Talent Contest. Competing acts must qualify by one of the following category descriptions:

1. **VOCAL SOLO** shall consist only of a vocal performance by one vocalist. CD's used for accompaniment will be allowed to provide limited vocal background but is not suggested.

2. **VOCAL GROUP** shall consist of two or no more than ten vocalists. No other talent may be performed. CD's used for accompaniment will be allowed to provide limited vocal background but is not suggested.

3. **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.

4. **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.

5. **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: vocal with accompaniment, juggling, ventriloquism, magic, Gymnastics, and tumbling are the only allowable categories.

**6. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO** shall consist of an instrumental performance without vocal utterance by one performer. Taped accompaniment may be used. Contestants are encouraged to memorize their piece rather than using sheet music while performing. All contestants must use the keyboard that is provided. **NO DRUMS!**

PLEASE INDICATE THE PROPER CATEGORY ON YOUR ENTRY FORM

A winning act from each category will be announced. A Junior and Senior Grand Champion will be announced. You may enter as many categories as you like, but you may only compete in two categories at state.

## **JUDGING**

The judges will be appointed by the Three County Fair. They will be persons well qualified to judge a contest of this kind. Their decision will be final. Judges scores are confidential, and critiques are NOT allowed to be given to anyone. All acts will be judged on talent, appearance, preparedness and entertainment value. The judges will be required to break any tie(s) by considering the overall appeal of an act.

Any questions should be submitted to [TCFTalent@yahoo.com](mailto:TCFTalent@yahoo.com) .

**Three County Fair  
2020 Virtual Youth Talent  
Entry Form**

Peewee Division (Ages 5-9) \_\_\_\_ Junior Division (Ages 10-15) \_\_\_\_ Senior Division (Ages 16-21) \_\_\_\_

**Entry deadline is September 28, 2020.**

**All entry forms and videos must be emailed to [TCFtalent@yahoo.com](mailto:TCFtalent@yahoo.com)**

Vocal Solo \_\_\_\_ Vocal Group \_\_\_\_ Instrumental Solo \_\_\_\_ Dance Solo \_\_\_\_ Dance Group \_\_\_\_ Variety \_\_\_\_

Name of Act (if Group): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please list additional contestants and information on back of sheet.**

**BY SIGNATURE ABOVE, CONTESTANTS AND PARENTS ACKNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES OF THIS CONTEST AND FURTHER CERTIFY THAT CONTESTANTS ARE NOT PAID PERFORMERS OR INSTRUCTORS OF THE ARTS.**

**\*\*\*Three County Fair would like permission to post talent videos to our PUBLIC Facebook page\*\*\***

☐ **I GIVE CONSENT for videos of the contestants listed to be shared.**

☐ **I DO NOT GIVE CONSENT for videos of the contestants listed to be shared.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_