

## 2016 WHITE COUNTY FAIR YOUTH TALENT CONTEST

### QUALIFICATIONS & RULES:

1. Contestants must be at least 10 years of age and not more than 21 years of age by the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair .
2. Contestants must legally reside in White County for six months immediately preceding the county contest or must be a full-time student who has attended school (academic, not dance, etc) in order to advance to State Fair. THE STATE FAIR IS NOW REQUIRING THE COUNTY SEND THEIR COUNTY WINNERS TO THE STATE COMPETITION AND THEIR RUNNER-UPS TO THE DISTRICT COMPETITION.
3. No contestant will be allowed to compete in more than 2 categories.
4. Entries to the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest are limited to 1 act in each of the 6 categories.
5. In the event a County winner is unable to compete at the State Contest, the County can send a runner-up to represent their fair.
6. Contestant must use the same musical selection and dance choreography they used at their County competition. No exceptions are given to this rule.
7. Entry forms must be legible and signed by each of the contestant(s) and contestant's parent or guardian.
8. 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.
9. 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 Competition.

## LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE:

Any act must not exceed the 3.0 minute time limit (including recorded introduction). CD accompaniment is also subject to the same 3.0 minute time limit. All acts are limited to a 1-minute time limit in setting up equipment.

## COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

There are 6 categories in the Arkansas State 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. No other talent may be performed in conjunction with the vocal solo. CD's used for accompaniment will be allowed to provide limited vocal background.
2. VOCAL GROUP shall consist of two or no more than 15 vocalists. No other talent may be performed. CD's used for accompaniment will be allowed to provide limited vocal background.
3. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO shall consist of an instrumental performance without vocal utterance by 1 performer. Taped accompaniment may be used. Contestants are encouraged to memorize their piece rather than use sheet music on stage. An electric key board will be provided by the STATE FAIR (not County Fair).
4. DANCE SOLO shall consist of 1 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 2 gymnastic or acrobatic stunts.
5. DANCE GROUP shall consist of 2 or no more than 15 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 1 or no more than 15 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, vocal and live instrumental, lip sync, pantomimes, impersonations, skits, juggling, ventriloquism, magic, and any other talent not applicable to any of the other categories. No act may include a drum set(S). No baton acts are included in this category.

ALL CD'S SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH CONTESTANTS NAME OR GROUP  
THE DRESS CODE IS A MUST, MUST BE IN GOOD TASTE AND SUITABLE FOR PERFORMANCE. ALL ACTS WILL BE JUDGED ON TALENT, APPEARANCE, PREPAREDNESS AND ENTERTAINMENT VALUE. ONLY CONTESTANTS WILL BE ALLOWED BACKSTAGE

