



Lonoke County Fair Youth Talent Contest



Saturday (September 23rd) at 1:00 p.m.
Lonoke County Fair Grounds – Music Building

RULES AND REGULATION (patterned from State rules)

1. The purpose of the Talent Contest is to discover, develop and encourage talent in the youth of Lonoke County. It is designed primarily for amateur talent, but any act which qualifies otherwise is acceptable even though the act may have received pay at some time, provided, however, that the persons are not actually engaged in the entertainment business or are not paid instructors of the Arts. Any act that may be subject to controversy should be brought to the attention of the County Fair Board and the talent show superintendent. Any determination of any acts qualification under this rule must be made by the County Fair Board. The Lonoke County Fair Youth Talent Contest will discuss a problem with the Superintendent only, but will not be responsible for making the final decision.
2. The age limit is from 10 to 21 inclusive. Any contestant must be 10 years of age by the opening day of the Lonoke County Fair and not over 21 years of age by the closing day of the Lonoke County Fair. Any contestant that might appear to be younger or older than the specified age limits should be prepared to furnish proof of age to the Superintendent.
3. Contestant must be a legal resident of Lonoke County and cannot be, or at any time have been married, or have had children. Must be a full-time student who has attended school (academic, not dance, etc.) in Lonoke County for one full semester immediately preceding the competition.
4. If the county winner is unable to compete at the State Contest, the Talent Superintendent can appoint a runner-up to replace them.
5. No contestant will be allowed to compete in more than one category unless the second category is with a group of five or more. No contestant will be allowed to compete in more than two categories.
6. All acts must be performed on the stage. Please keep stage dimension in mind when preparing your act. **ANY ACT MUST NOT EXCEED 3 MINUTES.**
7. Musical accompaniment for any act must be on a CD or usb drive as a mp3 (no mobile devices ie: ipod, phones, ipad – NO Cassette tapes). PLEASE READ THE SECTION ON INSTRUMENTS AND MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT VERY CAREFULLY. Any act which includes self-accompaniment will be considered as a multiple act and must be entered in the Variety Category.
8. The Superintendent of the Lonoke County Fair 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 his judgment may determine any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules will be disqualified from the contest.



CATEGORIES

- 1) **Vocal Solo** shall consist of only one vocal performance by one vocalist. No other talent will be allowed to be performed in conjunction with the vocal solo. Accompaniment recorded music will be allowed to have limited background vocals.
- 2) **Vocal Group** shall consist of up to 15 vocalist. No other talent will be allowed to be performed. Recorded music used for accompaniment will be allowed to have limited background vocals.
- 3) **Instrumental Solo** shall consist of an instrumental performance without vocal utterance by one performer. Recorded accompaniment may be used.
- 4) **Dance Solo** shall consist of one dancer. NO other talent will be allowed to be displayed in conjunction with the dance performance. All types of dancing will be judged in this category – tap, jazz, ballet, folk, ethnic, fad. Gymnastics, tumbling, acrobatics, or any other forms of gymnastics are not included in this category.
- 5) **Dance Group** shall consist of two or more dancers. No other talent will be allowed to be displayed in conjunction with the dance performance. The same type of dancing as listed under Dance Solo are allowed. No form of gymnastics is included in this category. No more than 15 in a group.
- 6) **Variety** shall consist of a performance of one or more persons. This category is also intended to provide a proper showcase for these acts in which fits the description of any of the other categories will both be allowed to compete in 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 drum set(s) or more than 2 electric instruments and 1 amplifier. This category does not include bands. No form of gymnastics is included in this category.

NOTE: This year the Youth Talent Competition will be divided into two age groups (10 to 15) and (16 to 21). This age is based on the date of performance. If there is a group performing with a mixture of ages, they will go in the division that they have the most in according to the ages in the group. For instance if it's a group of 12 and 8 of them are 15 or under they will be in the junior division. It is mandatory that each contestant put their age on the entry forms so that we know which division to place them in.

If you need more information; please contact Melissa Underwood at 501-517-7475.

Youth Talent Contest Entry Form

\$10 Entry Fee

Deadline for entry is Sept. 19 (no late entries)

All information pertaining to Act MUST be included on entry form (ex: age, name of song, contact info)

1) Vocal Solo _____

4) Dance Solo _____

2) Vocal Group _____

5) Dance Group _____

3) Instrumental Solo _____

6) Variety _____

AGE GROUP (10 to 15) or (16 to 21) circle the one – if there is a group performing with a mixture of ages, they will go in the division that they have the most in according to the age in the group.

Type of talent or act (tap, juggling, etc.) _____

Name of Act: _____ Phone # _____

(Name & phone number of leader if more than 1 contestant)

Name of Contestant(s)	Phone #	Address (with city & zip)	Age	Guardian
1)				
2)				
3)				
4)				
5)				
6)				
7)				

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Introduction: This information will be read by the emcee from the state – please give some information about training experience, etc.

Entry Fee of \$10 per contestant must accompany this form.

Make checks payable to the Lonoke County Fair. Send entry form and fee to:

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