



2022

Arkansas State Fair Talent Competition Entry Form

THIS ENTRY FORM IS ONLY FOR NON-WINNERS OR CONTESTANTS THAT HAVE NOT COMPETED IN A COUNTY/DISTRICT/REGION COMPETITION

Arkansas State Fairgrounds – Arkansas Building

ENTRY FEE - \$40 per category (Limit 2)

ENTRY DEADLINE: October 1st, 2022 / Late entries will not be accepted!

Please mark your age group (must compete as your age on the day of the talent competition)

JR. Division: Ages 10-15 _____ SR Division: Ages 16-21 _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: AR Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____@_____

Parents: _____

County of Residence: _____

T-Shirt Size: Child S ___ M ___ L ___ Adult: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___

***You may enter ONLY two categories! We will follow all State Fair Rules. You will compete on the night of the county you reside in.

CATEGORIES:

Vocal Solo: _____ Vocal Group: _____ Dance Solo _____ Dance Group: _____ Instrumental: _____ Variety: _____

PLEASE MAIL ENTRY FORM & FEE or HAND DELIVER TO:

Arkansas State Fair Office / Talent Competition / 2600 Howard St. / Little Rock, AR 72206

QUESTIONS

Fair Office 501-372-8341 or Marla Keady 479-719-0736

By signature below, Contestant/Parent/Guardian certifies they have read, understand, and agree to comply with the rules and regulations of this pageant and further assumes all liability and responsibility for any loss, accident, or injury resulting from participation in this event. Competition information and photos may be used for publicity purposes. NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFER OF FUNDS WILL BE GIVEN/ALLOWED. The Parent/Guardian will take full responsibility for and agree to release the Arkansas State Fair Association, director, staff, and facility from all liability for any losses, damages, or debts incurred by or made by the contestant, in connection with the talent competition.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

REGIONS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE FAIR

The Arkansas State Fair Competitions are divided into four regions.

YOU WILL COMPETE THE NIGHT OF YOUR COUNTY RESIDENCE

<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>NORTHEAST</u>	<u>SOUTHEAST</u>
<i>Monday</i> 10/17	<i>Tuesday</i> 10/18	<i>Wednesday</i> 10/19	<i>Thursday</i> 10/20
Clark	Baxter	Clay	Arkansas
Columbia	Benton	Cleburne	Ashley
Garland	Boone	Fulton	Bradley
Hempstead	Carroll	Greene	Calhoun
Hot Spring	Conway	Independence	Chicot
Howard	Crawford	Izard	Cleveland
Lafayette	N Franklin	Lawrence	Dallas
Little River	Johnson	Mississippi	Desha
Miller	Logan	Poinsett	Drew
Montgomery	Madison	Randolph	Faulkner
Nevada	Marion	Sharp	Grant
Pike	Newton	St. Francis	Jefferson
Saline	Perry	Stone	Lincoln
Sevier	Polk	Three County	Lonoke
Union	Pope	Tri – County	Ouachita
Four State	Scott	Van Buren	Prairie
SW Region	Searcy	White	Pulaski
	Sebastian	NE Region	SE Region
	Washington		
	Yell		
	AR-OK		
	NW Region		

The purpose of the Youth Talent Competition is to discover, develop, and encourage talent in the youth of Arkansas. 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) is 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 County/Regional Director who will be responsible for notifying the ASF Youth Talent Director. If a Contestant is under contract, they are ineligible to compete.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Junior Division – a Contestant must be 10 years of age and not more than 15 years of age the day of the competition.

Senior Division – a Contestant must be 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age the day of the competition.

A Contestant appearing younger or than the age limits specified should be prepared to furnish proof of age to the ASF Youth Talent Director.

Scoring:

100 points total

Talent 1-50 / Showmanship 1-25 / Appearance 1-15 / Preparedness 1-10

CATEGORIES

*****CDs used for the accompaniment must not include vocal background voices.**

Vocal Solo shall consist only of a vocal performance by one vocalist.

Vocal Group shall consist of two (2) and no more than ten (10) vocalists. No other talent may be performed.

Dance Solo shall consist of one (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, contemporary, ethnic, fad, etc. **Gymnastics, tumbling, acrobatics, or any other form of gymnastics is NOT included in this category.**

Dance Group shall consist of two (2) or no more than twelve (12) dancers. No other talent may be displayed in conjunction with the dance performance. The same rules listed under Dance Solo apply.

Variety shall consist of a performance of one (1) or no more than ten (10) 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 acts. No act may include a drum set(s), beatboxing, paint/watercolor, swords, open flames, or forms of liquid.

Instrumental Solo shall consist of an instrumental performance without vocal utterance by one performer. Taped accompaniment may be used. Contestants are highly encouraged to memorize their performance rather than using sheet music while performing. **ASF does not furnish a music stand! NO drums allowed!**

RULES

You will compete on the prelim night of your county residence. If you pull for the finals, you will return on Saturday to compete in the finals.

Contestants must be legal residents of the state of Arkansas and have a residence in the county/state six (6) months before the competition.

Contestants must not have ever been convicted of any crime or have any criminal charges pending; married, divorced, or have children.

LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE:

All acts must not exceed three (3) minute time limit! This includes recorded introductions.

CD accompaniment is also subject to the same. The music that is being used for the talent acts must be the only music on the CD. **No phones, iPods, MP3 Players will be able to be used.** No fading or stopping of the CD will be allowed.

All acts are limited to a one (1) minute time limit in setting up equipment. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Setups and performances will be timed!

TIME LIMIT: Exceeding the time limit of three (3) minutes will result in point deductions.

CDs used for the accompaniment should not include vocal background voices.

Any display of poor sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem created by a Contestant, parent, county/regional director, relative, or even a supporter of a Contestant could result in disqualification of the Contestant not only from this year's competition but also from the future Competition.

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 Competition director has the right to interrupt a performance if it is not deemed suitable for the ASF Youth Talent Competition.

PROPS: No decorative or background props of any kind will be allowed! A prop must be used as a functional part of the Contestant's act. Questionable props must be discussed and approved by the ASF Competition Director before arrival.

STAGE DIMENSIONS: Please keep the stage dimensions in mind when preparing your talent presentation: 40ft in length, 24ft in-depth, and 2ft in height. Dimensions are approximate.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: **NO electronic devices of any kind are allowed in the dressing and backstage area, or the contestant sitting area!** NO EXCEPTIONS will be given to this policy. Contestants failing to adhere to this policy may face disqualification from the Competition. All electronic devices must remain with a parent or guardian while competition is ongoing. If caught with an electronic device while in the Contestant area, you risk being disqualified!

INSTRUMENTS AND MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT: The ASF Youth Talent Competition does not provide instruments. Only a keyboard will be available. If you will be playing the keyboard, you must use the one furnished by the ASF. The keyboard does not have a music stand. You are responsible for providing your instruments, amps, cords, etc. ** It is suggested that you memorize your music!

SOUND EQUIPMENT: Professional sound equipment including a CD player and 5 microphones are provided, and their use is required. A lapel mic is not available. **NO personal cd players, mp3 players, microphones, or any other sound/tech equipment will be allowed.**

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT: Musical accompaniment for all acts must be recorded. Contestants must furnish their CDs, which must contain only the music needed for performance and must not be longer than 3 minutes! Any act whose CD contains more than the music needed for their performance will be automatically disqualified. It is recommended you bring a second CD to have in case of an emergency. All CDs must be properly labeled in advance and should be of good quality:

LABELING MUSIC

All CDs must be properly labeled in advance and should be of good quality:

Track #

Song

Name

County/Regional

Category

No rehearsal for individual talent numbers will be held.

STATE WINNERS: Grand Champion Winner(s) of the ASF Youth Talent Competition are not eligible to compete again until the person(s) is eligible to compete in the next age division. Senior Grand Champion Winner(s) will not be eligible to compete again. Contestants in the ASF Youth Talent Competition are not eligible to compete in the ASF Pageant or Rodeo Queen Competition in the same year.

COMPETITION TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 – 10:00 **Check-in at the Arkansas Building**
10:30 **Orientation Meeting**
11:30 **Be in assigned seat ready for competition**
12:00 **Competition begins**

FINALS

Saturday

9:00 – 10:00 **Check-in at the Arkansas Building**
10:30 **Be in assigned seat ready for competition**
11:00 **Competition begins**

Please do not be late for check-in.

DO NOT LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS!

TICKETS AND PARKING PASS: Once your entry form has been received, you will receive tickets and a parking pass in the mail.

GRAND CHAMPIONS: If you are awarded Grand Champion in the Junior and Senior Division, you are required to stay and perform during the Jr. Queen/Queen Competition that will begin at 6:00 pm.

*****Please, consider this – if you are performing in two acts (example: dance solo and dance group) at the state fair talent competition, there is very little time between divisions! Additional clothing changes are not suggested! We are on a strict timeline, and we cannot be stretching time to let you change clothes.**

See you at the Arkansas State Fair!