

**2016 IZARD COUNTY FAIR YOUTH TALENT CONTEST**  
**Friday, August 12, immediately following conclusion of Beauty Pageants**  
**John E. Miller Auditorium, Ozarka College**

**Rules**

1. The IZARD County Fair Youth Talent Contest will be held on Friday, August 12, 2016, immediately following conclusion of beauty pageants at the John E. Miller Auditorium on the campus of Ozarka College. All contestants will be eligible to compete in the North Central Arkansas District Fair Talent Contest in September. The winner of each category will represent IZARD County at the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent contest in October in Little Rock unless they are a winner in the District Talent contest. If they win the District contest, the second place winner in that category will be eligible to enter the State contest.
2. The NCA District Fair contestants will consist of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners from each category from the County Youth Talent Contests. First place county winners in each category will represent their County Fair in the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest. **County winners are not eligible to enter the district contest.**
3. Official age limits are from ten to twenty, inclusive. Contestants who are age five to nine may compete, but they are not eligible to enter District or State competitions. They will be judged in a separate category and will not compete against older contestants.
4. Contestants must be single and never have been married or have children. Contestants must be residents of IZARD County or attend school in IZARD County at least six months immediately preceding the contest. Contestants may enter only one county fair contest in a calendar year. Contestants must never have been convicted of a crime or have no criminal charges pending.
5. No one contestant will be permitted to enter in more than one class except with groups of five or more.
6. Past grand champion winners of Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest are not eligible to compete again in any category.
7. Instrumentalists should bring their own instruments. There **will not** be a piano available. If an accompanist is required, contestants must make their own arrangements. If a CD is used, the tape should be identified with the name of the contestant and song and have only one track on it; it should also be cued and ready to play and given to the sound person upon arrival. It is recommended that a second CD be available in case of an emergency.
8. All talent competition numbers must not be more than 3 minutes in length. Dress is optional and contestants are free to choose what they desire to wear while performing. 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 directors have the right to interrupt a performance if it is not deemed suitable for the Youth Talent Competition.
9. Dressing areas are provided for contestants who will perform in costume. Only one responsible adult per act will be allowed in the dressing area to help contestants get ready.
10. Equipment and prop setup time is limited to one minute and only the contestant is allowed to set up.

11. Categories are as follows: Vocal Solo, Vocal Group, Dance Solo, Dance Group, Instrumental Solo, and Variety. Variety acts cannot have more than 12 people. Acts in which multiple talents are displayed should be in the Variety Category. Acts that qualify for the Variety Category are song and dance, vocal and live instrumental, lip sync, pantomimes, impersonations, skits, juggling, ventriloquism, magic, gymnastics (be sure to check stage dimensions), karate, cheerleading, or other talent that does not fit in the other categories.
12. Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive an award and \$10.00 per category; 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive an award per category; 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive an award per category. An additional \$25.00 will go to the best overall act.
13. Judging: Talent is 45 – 75 points; Entertainment Value is 1 – 10 points; Appearance is 1 – 5 points; Preparedness is 1 - 10 points.
14. All contestants must sign the “Permission to publish on the World Wide Web” on the bottom of the entry form. If under age 18, parents must sign.
15. There is a \$10.00 entry fee for each act entered. **The entry form must be received by the contest chairman by Monday, August 8, 2016. Entry forms should be mailed to Izard County Fair Talent Contest; P.O. Box 775; Melbourne, AR 72556. Make checks payable to Izard County Fair Association.**

*For more information on the Youth Talent Contest, contact Mami Cooper at (870) 291-3775.*