



2024 Izard County Fair Talent Contest Rules

Saturday, August 10, 2024 8:00 pm
Amphitheater (Creative Arts Building pending rain), Izard County Fairgrounds

Entry form must be turned in no later than Monday, August 5, 2024

Mail entry form to: Izard County Talent Contest, PO Box 1405, Melbourne, AR 72556 or drop off at the Izard County Extension Office 79 Municipal Drive, Melbourne, AR 72556

Forms may be picked up at Izard County Extension Office

Kids Talent- ages 5-9 **Junior Division** – ages 10 to 13 years **Senior Division** – ages 14 to 17 years

Eligibility: All contestants must be legal residents of Arkansas and reside in Izard County. Contestants must not ever have been convicted of a crime or have any criminal charges pending. The committee reserves the right to combine a division too small or separate a division that is too large. Contestants can enter up to two of the following categories.

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 should not include background vocals.

Vocal Group- shall consist of two but no more than five vocalists. No other talent may be performed. CD's used for accompaniment should not include background vocals.

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 use sheet music on stage. No Drums.

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. However, a dance routine can include a maximum of two gymnastics or acrobatic stunts.

Dance Group- shall consist of two but no more than five 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 but no more than five 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.

Performances: 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. Contestants are responsible for any instruments and props. A prop must be used as a functional part of the contestant's act. No decorative or background props of any kind will be allowed. Contestants must furnish their own CD's, which must contain only the music needed for performance. Any act whose CD's contain more than the music needed for their performance will be automatically disqualified. It is recommended that you bring a second CD to have in case of emergency. All CD's must be properly cued in advance and should be of good quality. CD's must be labeled with the contestant(s) name. **No phones, iPods, or iPads will be able to be used.** No fading or stopping of CD will be allowed. The nature of the act must be age appropriate. Any inappropriate lyrics or dance moves will result in immediate disqualification.

Rehearsal: Talent show rehearsals will be held in the amphitheater on Wednesday, August 7, at 3:00 pm.

Backstage: Only one ADULT and contestant will be allowed behind the staging area.

The judge's decision is final. Judge's names will not be released after the contest.

Additional questions can be emailed to candi.cooper@melbourneschools.org

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Ages 5-17 years

**** APPLICATION SHOULD BE TYPED OR PRINTED IN BLACK INK****

It is very important that all contestants read all the rules!

Entry Form is due by Monday, August 5th, 2024

Full Name _____ Age _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

County _____ Telephone(____) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Educational Information: **School** _____ **Grade** _____

Contestant Information: Please give special thought to your answers. Statements that reflect your personality will be helpful to the talent contest emcee when introducing you as a contestant. All information must be on this official Entry form. NO OTHER FORMS OR ATTACHMENTS ARE ALLOWED

Interesting Facts About You: _____

Circle Talent Category You Are Participating In

Vocal Solo Vocal Group Instrumental Solo Instrumental Group Dance Solo Dance Group

Variety

By signing below the parent or guardian of the contestant certify they have read the rules and agree to comply with the rules of the talent contest and release the Izard County Fair Association and the board members and fair volunteers of any liability incurred during the pageant.

Parent Signature _____