

2018 FAULKNER COUNTY FAIR YOUTH TALENT CONTEST
(A Preliminary to the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest)

QUALIFICATIONS & RULES

1. The purpose of the Faulkner County Fair Youth Talent Contest is to discover, develop, and encourage talent in the youth of Faulkner County. 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) are actually engaged in the entertainment business or paid instructors of the Arts.
2. **Contestants must be 10-15 years of age for Junior Talent and 16-21 years of age for Senior Talent by the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair (October 11, 2018). The Winner in each Category will represent Faulkner County and advance to the Arkansas State Fair.**
3. **Contestants must legally reside in Faulkner County for six months immediately preceding the county contest or must be a full-time student who has attended an academic school within the county for one full semester immediately preceding the county contest.**
4. Entry forms must be filled out completely and signed by authorized parties. Acts with five (5) or more contestants can designate one responsible adult for the group to sign the entry form who must also furnish a copy of the contest rules to each contestant in the act.
5. No contestant may be allowed to compete in more than two categories.
6. **Check-in Time will be at 6:00.** The Talent Show will begin at 7:00.
7. The Dress Code is completely optional, but attire **MUST** be in good taste and suitable for performance.
8. Contestants will be judged on Entertainment Value and Talent.
9. 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.
10. Time Limit for each act is 3 minutes (including recorded introduction). You will not receive deductions at the County level, however, music will be faded at 3 minutes and 15 seconds. **If you advance to the State level, there is a mandatory time limit of 3 minutes.**
11. Musical accompaniment for any act must be recorded. Contestants must furnish their own CD's that must contain **ONLY** the music needed for the performance. It is recommended that contestant's bring a second CD to have in case of an emergency.
12. ALL CD's should be clearly marked with contestant (s) name and music title.
13. All CD's must be claimed immediately following the contest. The Faulkner County Fair Youth Talent Contest assumes **NO** responsibility for CD's left unclaimed.
14. No Dressing Area will be provided, however, there are restrooms available if needed to change into a costume. Faulkner County Fair Association **WILL NOT** be responsible for any items left in the restrooms.
15. No visitors are permitted back stage including: make-up artist, talent coaches, family or friends.

16. Any display of bad sportsmanship and/or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, foul language, or any other behavioral problem created by a contestant, parent, relative or supporter of a contestant could result in disqualification of the contestant not only from this year's pageant but all future contests.
17. There will be no admission to the Talent Competition, however, standard parking fees will apply.
18. No formal rehearsal will be held.
19. The Faulkner County Fair Talent & Pageant Director and or Faulkner County Fair Board reserve 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 their judgement may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules can be disqualified from the competition by the Faulkner County Fair Talent & Pageant Director or Faulkner County Fair Board.
20. The Faulkner County Fair Association is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property. Please treat the facility with the upmost respect and clean-up after yourself when the event is over.
21. Fair and impartial judges are chosen by the Faulkner County Talent and Pageant Director. Contestant and/or parents are not to approach the judges at any time. Their decision will be final. All contestants are judged on Entertainment Value and Talent. Score sheets WILL NOT be available at any time for viewing.

ALL proceeds will benefit the Faulkner County Fair Scholarship Program

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One of our Sponsors Steve McGuire Photography will be taking photographs!

He will be offering a CD with all digital images of contestant with copyrights for \$30.

Call him direct with questions. He will be set up at the check-in desk before the show.

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September 20, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Conway Expo Center

\$50.00 per act
(Late fee of \$20 after September 17, 2018)
No Refunds – No Exceptions

_____ **Junior – Ages 10-15** (before October 11, 2018)
 _____ **Senior – Ages 16-21** (before October 11, 2018)

TALENT CATEGORIES (check one category)

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

DESCRIPTION/TYPE OF:

Instrument(s): _____
 Dance: _____
 Variety: _____
 Name of Act (if group): _____
 Name of Song, Music, Etc.: _____

Contestant Name (please type or print)	Phone	Age	School
1 _____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____	_____

REQUIRED Contestant Signature/Date	REQUIRED Parent/Guardian Signature/Date
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____

BY SIGNING FORM, CONTESTANT/PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFIES THAT THEY HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS CONTEST AND CERTIFY THAT CONTESTANTS ARE NOT PAID PERFORMERS OR INSTRUCTORS OF THE ARTS, AND FURTHER ASSUME 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 WILL BE GIVEN.

Make all checks, money orders, cashier checks payable to: Faulkner County Fair Talent Contest

For More Information Contact:
 Mary Moody
 (501) 472-1940
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Entry Forms & Fees May Be Turned In To:
 (Please put in a sealed envelope with entry fees)
 Emerge – Conway, AR
 Kicks Active Wear Conway, AR
 Southern Savvy – Greenbrier, AR

Mail Entry Forms & Fees To:
 Faulkner County Fair Talent
 305 Pickwicket Drive
 Conway, AR 72034

Forms Only can be picked up at Conway Chamber of Commerce

All accompaniment music **MUST** be provided on CD!

The Line-up will be determined by when you turn in your entry form and payment (first in, last out).

Hurry and get your forms turned in!

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COMPETITION 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 will be allowed to provide limited vocal background.

VOCAL GROUP

Shall consist of two or no more than fifteen vocalists. No other talent may be performed. CD's used for accompaniment will be allowed to provide limited vocal background.

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 piano or keyboard is available. 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 gymnastic or acrobatic stunts.

DANCE GROUP

Shall consist of two or no more than fifteen 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 or no more that fifteen 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.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHOOSE THE CORRECT CATEGORY ON THE ENTRY FORM

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