

Ford County Fair Talent Contest Show Rules

The Ford County Fair will be hosting a talent show at the Fair dance building in Melvin, IL, on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 @ 6:30 pm. There will be two age divisions, and the winner of each division will represent Ford County in Springfield at the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs Convention in January, 2018. The Ford County Fair will pay the \$75 entry fee to sponsor the winners of this competition.

Rules of the Contest: (IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE RULES)

1. The contest is open to anyone 21 years of age or younger. You do not have to live in Ford County to participate, **but must be a resident of Illinois and agree to represent Ford County if you are a winner in this county's talent contest.**
2. Junior Division contestants must be 14 years of age or under by June 27, 2017. Senior division contestants must be between 14 and 21 years of age by June 27, 2017.
3. A person can enter in only one event. They may not enter in a solo and duet in the same age division.
4. Age limits-each division:
 - a. A Junior Division contestant winner at the State contest cannot return to the local Level Junior Division again; however a contestant competing as a single can come back in a group or if in a group can come as a single, one time. A previous Junior Division contestant winner can compete in the Senior Division, providing the contestant is 15 years of age and under 21 years of age.
 - b. A prior Senior Division contestant winner cannot return to the local Level Senior Division a participant; however a contestant that competes as a single can come back in a group or if in a group can come as a single, one time.
5. The second place act may represent Ford County at State in the event the winner cannot compete.
6. There will be a panel of judges, and their decision will be final. Interpretation of the rules will be determined by the talent show committee.
7. Each act will be judged in the following four categories. A perfect score is 100.
Costume = 10 points Stage Presentation = 30 points
Audience Contact = 10 points Ability = 50 points
8. Any act that goes over the four minute performance time limit will be disqualified.
9. No voices, synthesized voices of vocal utterances are allowed on any taped accompaniment used by any vocal act. No taps or tap effects are allowed on a tapped recording used by a dancer. In an instrumental solo, the accompaniment allowed is a live or taped acoustical piano. In piano solos, no accompaniment allowed. In the use of electronic keyboard, the contestant must create all sounds live on stage. CD's may be reviewed by the committee or judges to be sure no additional voices, instruments or taps are prerecorded. CD's must be cued ready to perform.
10. There will be a piano furnished.
11. Winners will win \$40 for third, \$60 for second and \$100 for first. [\$60 at the Fair & \$40 at Springfield competition]
12. Registration will be from 5:30 – 6:00 pm June 27th in the Dance Building. Contestants **must provide a 4 x 6 card** with the act and name of the music, and personal information, parents name, school, and year in school and hobbies.
13. **Entry deadline is June 15, 2017.**
14. **The entry fee of \$5.00 must be sent with entry form.**

For more information, contact: Becky Williams, 1274 N 900 E, Melvin, IL 60952, (217) 419-2420 or Judy Schall, PO Box 47, Melvin, IL 60952 (217) 388-2853; or e-mail the Fair at fordcofair@hotmail.com.

2017 Ford County Fair Talent Show Entry Form

Name of Contestant or Group: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Name(s) of group member(s) _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

BY SUBMITTING THIS FORM WE ARE AFFIRMING THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HAS NOT ATTENDED STATE IN THIS CATEGORY OR DIVISION. BY SIGNING WE ARE AGREEING TO REPRESENT FORD COUNTY AT STATE.

Sign: _____

Type of Performance:

Vocal Solo Vocal Duet Vocal Group Dance Solo Tap Ballet Contemporary Modern Other

Instrumental Solo Instrumental Duet Instrumental Group

Kind(s) of Instrument(s) _____