

2018 CONWAY COUNTY FAIR YOUTH TALENT CONTEST

(A Preliminary to the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest)

Qualifications & Rules

1. The purpose of the Conway County Fair Youth Talent Contest is to discover, develop, and encourage talent in the youth of Conway 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).
3. Contestants must legally reside in Conway 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 5:15. The Talent Show will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at the Conway County Multipurpose Building.
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 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 contestants 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 Conway County Fair Youth Talent Contest assumes **NO** responsibility for CD's left unclaimed.
14. A Dressing Area will be provided for contestants who perform in costume. **ONLY** one responsible adult per act will be allowed in the dressing area to help contestants get ready.
15. No visitors are permitted in the dressing area including hairdressers, 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 contest but all future contests.
17. No formal rehearsal will be held.
18. The Conway County Fair Talent Director and/or Conway County Fair Board reserves 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 Conway County Fair Talent Director or the Conway County Fair Board.
19. The Conway County Fair is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property. Please treat the facility with the utmost respect and clean up after yourself when the event is over.
20. Fair and impartial judges are chosen by the Conway County Talent Director. Contestants 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 Conway County Fair.

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