

# Arkansas-Oklahoma / NW Region Youth Talent Contest

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm inside the Expo Center  
Check-in from by 3:30pm at sound booth

Deadline: Sept 18<sup>th</sup> / Entry Fee \$25 (all divisions)

Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Talent: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Song: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Person in Act: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Person in Act: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*For additional act members, please list on back of this sheet of paper.*

Has any member of this act ever been a professional entertainer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Divisions 1: 10-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Division 2: 16-21 \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY: (see descriptions below)

Vocal Solo \_\_\_\_\_ Vocal Group \_\_\_\_\_ Instrumental Solo \_\_\_\_\_

Variety \_\_\_\_\_ Dance Solo \_\_\_\_\_ Dance Group \_\_\_\_\_

Winners will represent AR-OK State Fair at the AR State Fair Youth Talent Contest to be held in Little Rock, AR in October.

I/We have read the rules of the Youth Talent Contest and agree to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

Mail entry form to:  
Youth Talent Contest  
4611 Hwy 64 East  
Alma, AR 72947

For questions call - Marla Keady @ 479-719-0736

ONLY ELIGIBLE COUNTIES FOR ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR may compete in the AROK Talent Competition.  
NW Regional - Open to all counties in Arkansas.

CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!!!!

Winners will advance to the Arkansas State Fair in October.

## Talent Show Rules

1. Division 1: Ages 10-15 years of age Division 2: Ages 16-21 years of age
2. Contestants must legally reside in Arkansas to be eligible to.
3. No substitutions of individuals in any act will be allowed at the State Contest. Also, contestants may not change categories after winning at the AROK State/ NW Regional Fair level but may change the selection of song, music, and outfit with the director's approval.
4. If a winner is unable to compete at the AR State Contest, the Director can appoint a runner-up to replace them.
5. A contestant will ONLY be allowed to compete in two (2) categories.
6. Talent presentation must not exceed three (3) minutes at the AROK State Fair and AR State Fair competition.
7. A contestant may not enter both the Talent Contest and the Queen or Teen Pageant.
8. Contestants must be single, never married, and have no children.
9. Youth talent contestants must submit the entry form by the deadline date. No exceptions.
10. Failure to abide by any of the above rules will result in disqualification.
11. The dress code is completely optional but must be in good taste.
12. A winner who has won grand champion at State Fair on the final night is not eligible to compete until they advance to the next division.
13. All contestants must be checked in by 3:30 at the sound booth with Bill & Sherry or you will be disqualified.
14. All contestants must provide their own instruments, cords, amps, or soundtrack.
15. Background vocals are not suggested; excessive use of background vocals will result in a point deduction.  
Time overage will also result in a point deduction.
16. MUSIC MUST BE ON CD! We do not accept music on phones or USBs.
17. Only contestants and one parent/guardian will be allowed free entry into the fair. **The entry letter will be sent via email.**

### DIVISIONS:

**VOCAL SOLO** shall consist only of a vocal performance by one vocalist. CD's used for accompaniment will be allowed to provide limited vocal background but is not suggested.

**VOCAL GROUP** shall consist of two or no more than ten vocalists. No other talent may be performed. CD's used for accompaniment will be allowed to provide limited vocal background but is not suggested.

**VARIETY** shall consist of a performance of one or no more than twelve 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: Vocal Solo if you accompany yourself with a musical instrument such as a guitar, keyboard, ukulele, etc. while singing; juggling, ventriloquism, and magic, are the only allowable categories.

**No act may include a drum set(s), beat boxing, paint/watercolor, swords, any open flame or any form of liquid.**

**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. You must provide your own keyboard if needed, 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.**

**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.