

2024 GEORGETOWN FAIR TALENT CONTEST GUIDELINES

UPDATE: New State Contest Rule Change: Previous talent contest winners may compete this year.

Date: Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00 pm. Doors open at 5:15.

Admission fees: under 5 free; children 5-11 \$1.00; 12 and up \$3.00

Both the participant and 1 escort are admitted free

How to enter: Your entry form and payment of \$5 can either be mailed to Lisa Hackler, PO Box 178 Ridge Farm, IL 61870 or made through the fair website. The \$5 entry fee will be non-refundable.

Deadline to enter: July 5, 2024

Contest Guidelines: Points will be awarded as follows:

Ability: 50 points

Stage Presentation: 30 points

Costume: 10 points

Audience Appeal: 10 points

There will be three judges. The judges' decisions will be final.

Age divisions (as of July 9): Junior: 14 and Under; Senior: 15-21

Winners of other 2024 Illinois County Fairs will not be eligible for prizes, but may perform for evaluation only.

A contestant may perform in only one event per contest.

Awards: Awards: 1st place: Plaque and \$50; 2nd place: \$40; 3rd place: \$30; 4th place: \$20; 5th place: \$10.

Rehearsal: A rehearsal will be held the day of the contest from 1:00-4:15. This is not required but recommended.

Equipment provided: A microphone and piano keyboard will be provided. You will need to provide any other equipment necessary for your performance.

Recordings: You can use either a CD or a cell phone. If using a CD, please make sure the performance song is all that is on your CD. Please write your name and phone number on your CD. No like-talent is allowed on the recording, i.e. vocal, tap dancing, any like-instrument, etc. This will be carefully monitored.

Time Limit: Performance is to be 4 minutes or less. Any act that performs over the 4-minute time limit will be disqualified as per State Competition rules.

Limit of entries: We can only accept 15 entries per division. Contest organizers reserve the right to limit the number of entries from a dance or music studio if the total number of entries reaches 15 per division. A "will-call" list will be created if necessary. Entries will be accepted in the order they are received.

State Competition: All winners will advance to the state competition in Springfield in January. The runner-up act can represent if the winner is not able to compete.

Please contact Lisa Hackler (217-474-9753) or the talent contest email if you have any questions. Fair website: www.georgetownfair.org Talent Contest email: georgetownfairtalent@gmail.com