

ELKHART COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Thursday, July 24th

5:30p.m.....check-in

6:00p.m.....competition begins

RULES AND REGULATION

ORGANIZATION OF CONTEST

1. All contestants in the Adult & Family Talent Contest must be:
 - 1) Adult Talent – must be 18 or over
 - 2) Family Talent – 2 or more members of the same family – group must not qualify for either of the youth talent contests.
2. Entries will be accepted in the following categories:
 - 1) Vocal Solo (Female or Male) Vocal Group (A & B)
 - 2) Instrumental Solo/Group (C)
 - 3) Novelty Solo / Novelty Group (D & E)
 - 4) Family

The following descriptions are to be used as guidelines and are subject to the interpretation of the coordinators of the Adult & Family Talent Contest:

A. Vocal Solo (Female or Male)

Shall consist of a solo performance by a vocalist. Instrumental accompaniment by herself/himself or others is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. Any background vocal on tape must be minimal. If the composition is written by performer and he/she wishes this to be judged as part of the act, it will be placed in the Novelty Division.

B. Vocal Group

Shall consist of a performance by two or more male and/or female performers. Instrumental accompaniment by themselves or others is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. Any background vocal on tape must be minimal. If the composition is written by performer and he/she wishes this to be judged as part of the act, it will be placed in the Novelty Division.

C. Instrumental Solo/Group

Shall consist of a solo or group instrumental performance by a male or female without vocal utterance. Accompaniment is allowed, but must assume pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the solo performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for accompaniment. If the composition is written by performer and he/she wishes this to be judged as part of the act, it will be placed in the Novelty Division.

D. Novelty Solo

Shall consist of a performance by a male or female in any act that has not been previously described (such as comedians, mime, skits, etc.). This category will include acts using a combination of skills from two different categories where one skill does not stand alone (such as singing and dancing, playing an instrument and singing, lip-synching and dancing, and the use of props).

E. Novelty Group

Shall consist of two or more performers, male and/or female, in any act that has not been previously described (such as comedians, mime, skits, etc.). This category will include acts using a combination of skills from two different categories where one skill does not stand alone (such as singing and dancing, playing an instrument and singing, lip-synching and dancing, and the use of props.)

F. Family Group

Shall consist of 2 or more family members. This group cannot qualify for either of the Youth Talent Contest.

3. The Coordinators of the Adult & Family Talent Contest reserve the right to assign acts to what they determine to be the proper categories. Any questions shall be resolved by the Coordinators of the Adult Talent Contest and their decision is final.
4. All acts shall be of quality nature. Any lewd, cursing or otherwise inappropriate acts will be immediately disqualified. All decisions by the judges and/or Coordinators of the Adult & Family Talent Contest are final.

ENTRIES

1. The Elkhart County 4-H Fair Adult & Family Talent Contest is open to nonprofessionals only. “Professional” is defined as anyone who is a union member, who has a professional manager, or whose principal and/or self-supporting income is derived from performing.
2. Every contestant in the Adult & Family Talent Contest must be an Elkhart County resident. The only exception: A contestant may reside in an adjoining Indiana county if the majority of his/her activities are in Elkhart County.
3. A contestant may have one entry in as many as two categories of competition at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Adult & Family Talent Contest.
4. A limited number of entries in each category are available. All entries are taken on a first come first served basis. Advanced registration is required.
5. No fire will be allowed on the stage. Any attempt to circumvent this rule shall result in disqualification. .
8. All acts will use only the lighting system provided by the Elkhart County 4-H Fair
9. All acts will use only the sound system and sound operator provided by the Elkhart County 4-H Fair; however instrumentalists may bring their own amplifiers, if needed. All music must be on cassette tape or CD, cued, labeled with the act’s name and address and brought to registration of the Adult & Family Talent Contest the day of the competition.
10. Any recorded accompaniment for any act entered in any vocal category must be purely instrumental, except those entered in Novelty Solo and Novelty Group.
11. Only the performers will be allowed on stage. (Exception – accompanists)
12. Only one person other than the performer(s) visible on stage will be allowed backstage with each act.

JUDGING

1. A panel of three or more judges will serve as the judges during the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Adult & Family Talent Contest.
2. Scoring will be based on the following criteria:
 - a. PERSONALITY & POISE (confidence, smile, showmanship) – 10 points possible
 - b. EXECUTION & ORIGINALITY (body lines, correct technique, balance, projection) – 10 points possible
 - c. RHYTHM & SOUND (timing, style, musical range, choice of music) – 10 points possible
 - d. COSTUME (appropriate fit, appearance) – 10 points possible

ADULT TALENT CONTEST AWARDS

1st Place Trophy & \$50
2nd Place Ribbon & \$30
3rd Place Ribbon & \$20

FAMILY TALENT CONTEST AWARDS

1st Place Trophy & \$50
2nd Place Ribbon & \$30
3rd Place Ribbon & \$20

Questions: Call Roberta Wilfong, 574-533-3025
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**Elkhart County 4-H Fair
Adult Talent Contest Entry Form**

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**General Fair
Adult Talent Contest**

Category (choose one)

_____ Vocal Solo (Female, Male) Vocal Group

_____ Instrumental Solo/ Group

_____ Novelty Solo/ Novelty Group

_____ Family

Name(s): _____

Name of Act _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

I agree to follow the rules and guidelines for the Adult Talent Contest

Signature _____



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