

ONTARIO COUNTY FAIR TALENT SHOWCASE
Saturday, July 27th at 4:00 PM
in the Carriage Barn Event Center on the Fairgrounds



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ENTRY FEE: None, but paying for admittance/parking to the fairgrounds is expected. Parking is \$10.00 per carload, or \$5.00 per singles in car, motorcycle, or walk-in.

PREMIUMS PAID per division: see table below

RULES:

- All entry registrations must be done online at Ontariocountyfair.fairentry.com
- Age limits (age of each contestant as of September 1st, 2023)
 - Maxi Talent Division - 13 years of age and over
 - Mini Talent Division - 12 years of age and under
- The New York State Fair (NYSF) Talent Showcase will accept up to, but no more than, the top 25 Mini, and the top 25 Maxi acts from county-level preliminary talent showcases. The 50% rule will be strictly adhered to concerning groups: in a duo, if one contestant is 12 and the other is 13, they will compete in the Maxi Division. In a group of three or larger, if 50% or more of the group are over 12, they will compete in the Maxi Division. No contestant over the age of 14 may perform in a Mini division group.
- Time limit for each act must not exceed five (5) minutes. Any act running over 5 minutes will be disqualified.
- No acts using batons or machetes, knives, etc., will be accepted.
- No fire will be allowed on stage during the competition.
- Contestants must not be or have been under contract for reimbursement for their performance. Expense money should not be considered reimbursement for performance.
- To be eligible for the NYSF Talent Showcase, contestants must have performed and place in the top 25 in the Ontario County Fair Talent Showcase.
- Contestants must be from Ontario County and surrounding counties.
- Contestants may enter only one county competition to be eligible to perform in the NYSF Talent Showcase competition.

SPECIAL NOTE: In a group situation, if all performers do not reside in the same county, the group must compete in the county that the majority of performers reside. Age requirements for groups as outlined above are also in effect.

- *Contestants must perform the same act and/or same number they did at the county level if they go on to State.
- *A contestant can perform only ONE (1) solo and as a member of only TWO (2) other groups. If this rule is violated, the contestant and the group will be disqualified.
- *NYSF Mini Showcase - The daily top 10 place winners will be eligible to enter the Semi-Final Mini Showcase at the NYSF Talent Showcase, date and time to be announced.
- *NYSF Maxi Showcase - The daily top 10 place winners will be eligible to enter the Semi-Final Talent Showcase at the NYSF Talent Showcase, date and time to be announced.
- *The top 25 place winners from the NYSF Semi-Final Mini Showcase and the top 25 Maxi place winners from the NYSF Semi-Final Talent Showcase will be eligible to enter the final showcase. The NYSF Showcase date and time will be announced at a later date.
- Previous 1st Place Mini and Maxi Showcase winners are not eligible to enter the Finals in the same category, (e.g. a solo winner may not return as a soloist. He or she may, however, perform as part of a duet, trio, or group.)

- Teachers are not permitted to compete or perform in their professional talent, e.g. a dance teacher could not compete as a dancer. This rule does not apply to students under scholarship who assist in teaching.
- Contestants using recordings for their performance must deliver a CD or cassette in "New Condition" to the registration desk. Cassettes should be labeled "STEREO" or "MONO" and have the name of your act on it. The cassette or CD must only contain the selection to be performed. Please label with your name and the name of the act/song.
- Mp3 connectivity is also available, but please bring your own cables.
- No piano at the local level, but you may bring a keyboard. There is a piano at the State Fair level. Sound system will be provided at each.
- Please allow extra time before the start of the show for set-up.
- No Rock Bands will be scheduled.
- Transportation to and from the Fair, as well as meals and lodging, are the responsibility of the contestant.
- There is no entry fee of any kind.
- The decision of the judges will be final.
- Dressing area limited at the local level might want to come dressed but available at the State Level.

* ***Pertains to NYSF Talent Showcase only.***

The following score card will be used:

1. Stage Presence	15 Total Points
a. Personal appearance	5 points
b. Poise	10 points
2. Talent	55 Total Points
a. Skill of presentation	25 points
b. Quality of number	15 points
c. Presentation	15 points
3. Interpretation	20 Total Points
a. Appropriateness of production	10 points
b. Originality of portrayal	10 points
4. Audience Appeal	20 Total Points
a. Attentiveness of audience	5 points
b. Audience applause	5 points

PRIZES AND AWARDS: Ribbons will be awarded for 1st thru 5th places.

	Age 12 and under		Age 13 and over	
A	1 st Place	\$20.00	1 st Place	\$20.00
Vocal	2 nd Place	\$15.00	2 nd Place	\$15.00
Numbers	3 rd Place	\$10.00	3 rd Place	\$10.00
B	1 st Place	\$20.00	1 st Place	\$20.00
Instrumental	2 nd Place	\$15.00	2 nd Place	\$15.00
Numbers	3 rd Place	\$10.00	3 rd Place	\$10.00
C	1 st Place	\$20.00	1 st Place	\$20.00
Variety	2 nd Place	\$15.00	2 nd Place	\$15.00
Numbers	3 rd Place	\$10.00	3 rd Place	\$10.00
	4 th Place	\$10.00	4 th Place	\$10.00
	5 th Place	\$10.00	5 th Place	\$10.00
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The Ontario County Fair Board reserves the right to fit you in the category that we feel best fits the program and if necessary, may limit the number of acts.