



## 2010 Steuben County Fair Talent Contest *Rules and Regulations*

1. Acts may be: **individual**, **duet** or **group**.
2. **Age limits:** *Age eligibility is on or before opening day of the fair.*
  - **Maxi Division** – 13 years of age and over.
  - **Mini Division** – 12 years of age and under.

The **50% rule** will be strictly adhered to concerning groups. In a duo; if one contestant is 12 and under and other is 13 and over, then they will compete in the Maxi Division. In a group of three or larger, if 50% or more of the group is 13 and over, they will compete in the Maxi Division. No one over the age of 14 may perform or be part of a Mini Division Group, including accompanists.

3. **Time limit:** Acts will be timed. Acts must not exceed five minutes. Any act running over this will be disqualified.
4. **NO** acts using batons, machetes, knives, fire or any other safety hazard will be accepted.
5. **Contestants must be strictly amateur.** They must not be, or have been, under contract for reimbursement for their performance. Expense money should not be considered reimbursement for a performance. Performers holding union cards are also not eligible.
6. There is **no** residency requirement.
7. A contestant can perform a maximum of three times:
  - a. **One (1) solo** and as a member of only **Two (2)** other groups.
  - b. Or Three (3) groups with No solo.
8. Sound equipment will be provided. Keyboards are not provided but can be used. Contestants using recorded music for their performances must provide their own music in the form of a **cassette tape** or **CD** in “new condition”. Cassettes and CD’s should be labeled with the name of your act. Cassettes must be rewound and contain only the selection to be performed. **Singing acts** must use a CD or cassette with music only, NO vocals. Some computer produced CD’s may not operate with the sound system.
9. Teachers are not permitted to compete in their professional talent, e.g., a dance teacher can not compete as a dancer. An unpaid student teacher, 18 and under, is eligible to compete. *Age eligibility is on or before opening day of the fair.*
10. There is no entry fee required; however, an admission ticket to the fairgrounds must be purchased.
11. The talent contest will be held on **Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** on the **stage in front of the grandstand**. Contestants should report to the stage no later than **1:30 p.m.**

12. **Prizes** for each Division will be awarded as follows:

<b>1st place</b>	<b>\$125.<sup>00</sup> cash</b>	<b>5th place</b>	<b>Medal</b>
<b>2nd place</b>	<b>\$ 75.<sup>00</sup> cash</b>	<b>6th place</b>	<b>Medal</b>
<b>3rd place</b>	<b>\$ 50.<sup>00</sup> cash</b>	<b>7th place</b>	<b>Medal</b>
<b>4th place</b>	<b>Medal</b>		

*All participants will receive ribbons*

13. **Judging:**

Contestants will be score based on:

a. Technique/Natural Ability	1 - 30 points
b. Execution/Choreography, Quality of performance.	1 - 30 points
c. Stage Presence and Showmanship	1 - 20 points
Maximum Total	<u>80 points</u>

*The judges' decisions are final.*

14. The Judges' scores will be mailed after the fair is over to the entrants who supply us with a self-addressed - stamped envelope prior to the end of the fair. Please specify the name of your act, your phone number and whether you participated in the Maxi or Mini Division.

15. **Talent Showcase at the New York State Fair.**

- The **first twenty-five (25)** winning contestants from the Mini and Maxi contests are eligible to compete in the Talent Showcase at the New York State Fair.
- **Contestants may enter only one county competition** to be eligible to perform in the Talent Showcase at the New York State Fair. **Contestants who audition in one county are not eligible to audition in another County.**
- **Contestants must perform the exact same act that they performed at the county level.** The same personnel, routines, music, costumes, clothing/attire must be used.
- There is NO rock band contest at the State level.
- Expenses for the State Fair are the responsibility of the individuals.

16. Entries are accepted through **August 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** *Early registration is advised.*

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## *Entry Form and Schedule*

- Contestants must answer all questions. Incomplete information in the following sections may result in a delay of acceptance.
- **Please Print or Type.**
- ***Written proof of age and social security number must be submitted.***
- All entries must be received by **Friday August 6, 2010.**
- Mail completed form to the: **Steuben County Fair, 15 E. Washington St., Bath, N.Y. 14810** *or* drop off the completed entry at the **Fair Office.** Mark the envelope "Talent Contest"
- For Multiple entries please photocopy the forms as needed.

### **Individual Entry** (*Must include proof of age and Social Security Number*)

**Name:** (Last, First, Middle Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
As of opening day of the fair.

**Address:** (*Street, City, State and Zip code*) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Category:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Individual**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Duet** Partners name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Group** Names of other group members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Act** (*Singing, instrumental, dance, etc*) \_\_\_\_\_ **Approximate time:** (*Maximum five (5) minutes*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Description of Act** (*Include name of Song if you are singing*): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Talent Training School/Studio:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant the sponsor and co-sponsor(s) the unconditional right to use the name, voice, and photographic likeness of the above said person, in connection with any article, press releases and/or audio/video productions. ***If under 18 years of age; print Parent or Legal Guardian's Name:***

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**Phone Number of Parent or Legal Guardian:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of participant or parent or legal guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_