

2017 Arkansas State Fair Kids Talent Contest

October 15, 2017

Arkansas State Fairgrounds-Arkansas Building

Deadline is September 30, 2017

* Open to all Arkansas Residents *

Check-In at 4:00pm ~ Competition at 4:30pm

Age Groups: Boys and/or Girls 4-6 years

7-9 years, and 10-12 years

Open to any talent act(s),

Except no tumbling/gymnastic/acrobatic routines

Each age group will have 2 separate divisions of competition: Vocal/Instrumental
and Dance

**This event will be held separate from the Little Mr. and Miss Arkansas State Fair pageant.
You do not have to enter the pageant to be eligible to compete in the talent contest.**

Entry Fee: \$50

For Information Contact:

Arkansas State Fair Office at 501-372-8341 Ext. 605

Or email deb@asfg.net

Website: www.arkansasstatefair.com

Send all forms and fees to:

Arkansas State Fair – Kids Talent Contest
2600 Howard Street Little Rock, AR 72206

Rules and Regulations:

1. The purpose of the Arkansas State Fair Kids Talent Contest is to discover, develop, and encourage talent in the young people of Arkansas. It is designed primary for amateur talent, but any act is eligible even if the act received pay at some time EXCEPT where the person(s) are actually engaged in the entertainment business or paid instructors of the Arts. Acts that may be considered professional should be brought to the attention of contest director who will be responsible for notifying the state competitive events administrator. The contest director and the competitive events administrator will determine the contestants' eligibility. Their decision is final.
2. Contestants must be at least 4 years of age and not more than 12 years of age by the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair. Any contestants appearing younger or older than the age limits specified should be prepared to furnish proof of age to the contest director.
3. Contestants must be a legal resident of Arkansas.
4. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place will be awarded in each age group and each division (vocal/instrumental and dance). An Overall Grand Champion will be award from all age divisions combined. This is the one act with the most points scored from the judges.
5. All acts must be performed on the stage. Please keep the stage dimension in mind when preparing your talent presentation. 40 feet in length, 24 feet in depth, and 2 feet in height. Dimensions are approximate. Due to the size of the stage NO tumbling/gymnastic/acrobatic acts can be performed.
6. No decorative or background props of any kind will be allowed. A prop must be used as a functional part of the contestants act. Questionable props must be discussed and approved by the contest director before arrival.
7. Any display of poor sportsmanship and/ or unbecoming conduct, any interference and/or disturbance, or any other behavioral problem or foul language created by a contestant, parent, relative, or supporter of a contestant could result in disqualification of the contestant not only from this year's contest but also from future participation.
8. Any inappropriate lyrics of a song or inappropriate moves will result in immediate disqualification. The contest director has the right to interrupt a performance if it is not deemed suitable for the competition.
10. Any act must not exceed the 3.0 minute time limit (including recorded introduction). CD accompaniment is also subject to the same 3.0 minute time limit. All acts are limited to a 1 minute time limit in setting up equipment. NO EXCEPTIONS!
11. All CD's should be clearly marked with contestant(s) name, age group, music title, and time of tape. All CD's must be claimed at the sound table immediately following the contest. The Arkansas State Fair assumes no responsibility for CD's left unclaimed.
12. There will be no rehearsal. You will be allowed to look and walk on the stage before the competition starts.
13. Contestants must turn in entry forms and fees by the deadline, September 30, 2017 at 5:00pm. Forms and Fees may be mailed or hand delivered. If you are mailing your forms to the Fair Office please allow plenty of time for it to arrive, The Arkansas State Fair Office is not responsible for entry forms that may be lost or delayed in transit by shipping method. Late entries will be subject to a \$20 late fee.
14. The Arkansas State Fair and Arkansas Livestock Show Association are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property. Please treat the facility with the upmost respect and clean up after yourself when the event is over.
15. Fair and impartial judges are chosen by the Arkansas State Fair and are not chosen by the director(s). Contestants and/or parents are not to approach the judges at any time. Their decision will be final. Score sheets will NOT be available at any time for viewing.
16. The dress code is completely optional, but attire must be in good taste and suitable for performance. The dressing area for contestants will be inside the Arkansas Building. Each contestant must be accompanied by only ONE assistant back stage. No men will be allowed in the dressing area at any time. A separate dressing area for the boy contestants will be provided and the same rules apply to them.

17. **Admission and Parking:** Enter the fairgrounds thru Gate 11 (see map).

Various groups may be arriving at this gate at the same time, including buses and livestock trailers, resulting in possible delays, please allow extra time. Only one contestant and parent/guardian will be allowed free admission and parking with passes that will be mailed to you. All others must pay gate admission and parking fee. No permanent parking is available at the Arkansas Building. You will be allowed to park in the South parking lot. ***Please allow yourself extra time in this matter.***

18. You are allowed to compete in both the pageant and talent contest. The talent contest is a completely separate competition than the Little Mr. and Miss Arkansas State Fair pageant. You do not have to compete in the pageant to participate in the talent contest, but if you choose to do both you will be expected to fill out separate entry forms and pay separate entry fees.

19. The State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management of the Arkansas State Fair Kid's Talent Contest reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the contest, and the right to amend or add to these rules as their judgment may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules can be disqualified from Contest by the State Contest Director and/or State Fair Management.

Entry Fees ~ Talent Entry Fee: \$50.00

Make all Checks, Money Orders, and/or Cashier's Checks

Payable to: Arkansas State Fair

Deadline for all forms and fees is October 2, 2017 at 5:00pm

Start Selling Your Crowd Favorite Tickets!!!

The Act from each age group that turns in the most Crowd Favorite tickets will receive half of the money back.

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Entry Form

Description – Type of Talent: _____

Name of Song, Music, etc.: _____

Name of Act (if in a group): _____

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

**Please fill out information for additional contestants (if in group)*

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contestant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Print Name of One Adult Responsible for Contestant and/or group

Signature of Responsible Adult

Contact Information- Phone Number and Email

Completed form and fees returned to:
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2600 Howard Street Little Rock, AR 72206