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**STEBUBEN  
COUNTY FAIR**

## **2019 Talent Hunt Contest Rules and Regulations**

**Read all rules and regulations carefully!**

**Failure to comply may result in disqualification at the County or State level.**

The Steuben County Fair Talent Contest and New York State Fair Talent Showcase are annual events held for the sole purpose of providing a vehicle for encouragement, development and discovery of amateur entertainers.

1. Acts may be: **Solo** or **Group (two or more performers)**.
2. A contestant can perform a maximum of Three (3) times:
  - A. **One (1) Solo** and as a member of **only Two (2) other groups**.
  - B. **Or Three (3) groups with No Solo.**
3. Age limits:

*Age eligibility is as of 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.*
4. **Time limits:** Acts must not exceed Five (5) minutes. Any act exceeding this limit will be disqualified. Acts will be timed.
5. **NO acts using batons, machetes, knives, fire or any other safety hazard will be accepted.**
6. **Contestants must be strictly amateur.** They must not be, or have been, under contract for reimbursement for their performance. Performers holding union cards are also not eligible. Expense money or Prize money should not be considered reimbursement for a performance.
7. Contestants **DO NOT need to be Steuben County Residents but MUST be New York State Residents.**
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 **CD** in “*new condition*”. CD’s should be labeled with the name of your act.
    - **Or** music can also be emailed to [sensorysns@gmail.com](mailto:sensorysns@gmail.com)
  - **Singing acts** must use recorded music with music only, NO vocals.

- Some computer produced CD's may not operate with the sound system. **Recorded media will be given Three (3) attempts. After that, the act must perform without it or withdraw.** Consider providing a Backup recording.

9. Teachers are not permitted to compete in their professional talent, e.g., a dance teacher can not compete as a dancer. This rule **DOES NOT** apply to Students, under scholarship, whom assist in teaching.

**10. There is no entry fee for the contest. An admission ticket to the fairgrounds must be purchased by all contestants, their friends, families, coaches, teachers, etc.**

11. The talent contest will be held on **Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)** on the stage in front of the grandstand.

- The Contest will be held **rain or shine.**
- **Contestants MUST register no later than 11:30 a.m.**

12. Prizes will be awarded after the Contest has concluded for each Division as follows:

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

❖ All participants will receive a ribbon

13. Contestants will be scored based upon:

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

**The Judges: enforce rules, tally the Scores, determine place and settle any ties. The Judges' decisions are final.**

14. The Judges' scores will NOT be available the day of the event. Scores will be provided 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 the Maxi divisions are eligible to compete in the *Talent Showcase at the New York State Fair.*
- **Contestants may audition in only One 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.
- The State Fair charges an **Entry Fee of \$10 for each act, made payable to the New York State Fair.** Expenses for the State Fair Talent Showcase are the responsibility of the acts.
- State Fair entries **must be submitted within Five (5) days** after Qualifying at a County Competition.
- The New York State Office of the State Comptroller requires state agencies to document Payee ID (*social security number*) prior to issuing payment. Failure to provide the New York State Fair with your social security number will result in the forfeiture of all prize money.

16. Contestants assume all risk associated with, resulting from or arising in connection with participation or presence at the Steuben County Fair including: theft, loss, harm or injury to the person , property, whether

caused by negligence, intentional act, accident, act of God or otherwise. Contestants have sole responsibility their property. The Steuben County Fair, it's Officers, Directors, Members, Employees or Representatives shall not be held liable for any claim.

17. Entries are accepted through **Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**  
*Early registration is advised.*



## 2019 Talent Contest Entry Form

- 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 **Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**
- 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: <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>		Age _____ <i>As of opening day of the fair.</i>	Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Address: <i>(Street, City, State and Zip code)</i> _____			
Telephone: _____ (____) _____ - _____		Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____	
<b>Category:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solo <input type="checkbox"/> Group <i>(Two or More Performers)</i>	<b>Division:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Maxi <input type="checkbox"/> Mini	<i>Description of Act (Include: Act Name, Song or Music Titles, etc.):</i> _____ _____	
<b>Check the Box which best describes your act:</b>		Time: _____ : _____ <i>(Maximum five (5) minutes)</i>	
<input type="radio"/> Dance - Ballet	<input type="radio"/> Magic	<input type="radio"/> Variety - Group	
<input type="radio"/> Dance - Group	<input type="radio"/> Novelty	<input type="radio"/> Ventriloquist	
<input type="radio"/> Dance - Tap	<input type="radio"/> Piano Solo	<input type="radio"/> Other _____	
<input type="radio"/> Dance - Solo	<input type="radio"/> Vocal with Guitar	Name of other Group members: _____	
<input type="radio"/> Instrumental - Solo	<input type="radio"/> Vocal with Piano		
<input type="radio"/> Instrumental - Group	<input type="radio"/> Vocal with recorded music		
<input type="radio"/> Jazz	<input type="radio"/> Variety - Solo		

*This act is NOT under contract and has NEVER been under contract for reimbursement. NONE of the performers are members of an entertainment Union.*

*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/Legal Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Signature of participant *or* parent *or* legal guardian

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Date