## TENNESSEE VALLEY FAIR SHOWSTOPPERS TALENT CONTEST

## **MIDWAY STARS**

SINGERS- MUSICAINS- DANCERS- AGES 18 AND UP
The Pepsi Tent Stage
Saturday, September 16th, 2023 @ 7:00PM

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1<sup>st</sup> PLACE: \$500 AND TROPHY 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: \$200 AND TROPHY 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: \$150 AND TROPHY

## **GENERAL RULES**

- 1. Age limits are 18 and up, inclusive, as of September 16, 2023.
- 2. This contest is not open to professionals. A professional is defined as anyone who is a union member, has a professional manager or whose principle and supporting income is derived from performing.
- 3. This contest is not open to baton twirlers or similar acts using batons or machetes. No fire of any kind will be allowed on the stage during this competition.
- 4. In any vocal category, instrumental accompaniment by the persons in the act of others is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would and could stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No vocal utterance may be used accompaniment by contestants in a vocal category. Background vocals is allowed just as long as we can hear the main vocalist.
- 5. In an instrumental solo, live instrumental accompaniment is allowed, but must assume the pure character of the accompaniment. The test shall be whether the solo performance would and could stand alone if the accompaniment where removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for accompaniment.
- 6. In a band, no accompaniment is allowed. All performers must meet the age qualifications of the Tennessee Valley Fair Contest.
- 7. In any dance category, accompanists are permitted on stage, but must not assume visual importance in the performance.
- 8. In a group act, all persons assuming visual importance in the act must meet the age qualifications of the Tennessee Valley Fair Contest.
- 9. Any act may drop a member that is listed on the entry form and can add or replace a member as long as you meet the age qualification and let the Director of the Contest know before the contest starts.
- 10. It is recommended that an act should run no more than 5 minutes. Any act including bands running more than 5 minutes will be disqualified. There will be an official time keeper present at the contest.
- 11. All contestants will use only the lighting system provided.
- 12. All contestants, excluding bands, will use only the sound system and the sound operator as provided. Bands may use their own amps.
- 13. All music for accompaniment must be on MP3 players, iPhone, or iPad.
- 14. No teachers or parents will be allowed on stage during the contest.
- 15. Only one (1) person other than those visible on stage will be allowed backstage with each act. This includes teachers and parents.
- 16. Contestants may make changes in their act prior to the Contest, as long as those changes will not result in change of category.

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