

# 2024 Benton County Fair Amateur Talent Contest



County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons in act \_\_\_\_\_ Names and ages of participants \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Music \_\_\_\_\_ Describe Talent \_\_\_\_\_

New for 2024 - **Act will be required to use the provide BCF USB Google Drive File. Further Information to come closer to talent show!**

Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment ONLY; absolutely no vocals are allowed on the recording. NO iPods, iPads or cell phones are allowed for accompaniment recording

**Act will need to use (check one)** \_\_\_\_\_ # of mics \* Sound system provided\* No piano provided\*

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Act will compete in the (check one): \_\_\_ Pre-Teen Division (Ages 12 and under) \_\_\_ Teen Division (Ages 13 through 18)  
\_\_\_ Open Division (Any age) Any contestant regardless of age may choose to complete in the Open Division



## TALENT CONTEST HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD AT 2:00 PM ON THE COTTONWOOD STAGE

Registration forms may be emailed to: [info@bentonfairmn.com](mailto:info@bentonfairmn.com) or mailed to: Benton County Fair, PO Box 118, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Prizes are as follows:	Pre-Teen Division	Teen Division	Open Division
	1st - \$75.00	1st - \$100.00	1st - \$150.00
	2nd - 50.00	2nd - 75.00	2nd - 100.00
	3rd - 25.00	3rd - 50.00	3rd - 50.00
	4th - 15.00	4th - 25.00	4th - 25.00

Benton County may send the winner in each division to the State Fair Amateur Talent Contest. Judges' decisions will be final regarding act sent to the State Fair Contest. I acknowledge that I have read the entry rules below and agree to abide by them.

Signature of contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### ENTRY RULES - PLEASE DETACH AND KEEP FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. The contest is open to all amateur entertainers from Benton, Sherburne, or Stearns counties only. Professionals (union musicians or those whose talent is a principal source of income) are not permitted to enter.
2. Acts that have participated in the past may compete again, with the exception of winners who went on to participate in the State Fair Contest. **If an act competed at the State Fair level, it must compete in the next division and cannot return to the same division for one year.**
3. Time limit is four minutes. A medley of tunes is allowed with the four minutes. Piano will not be furnished.
4. Vocalists may use taped accompaniment provided tape contains musical accompaniment only. ABSOLUTELY no back up vocals are allowed on tape. NO iPods, iPads or cell phones are allowed for accompaniment recording
5. All members of a group must be of correct age/county.
6. Judges will assess talent, stage presence, quality of performance, choice of selection, entertainment value and time limit.
7. All entries not guaranteed slot. Line-up will be based on a wide variety of talent.