

**2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair
Youth Talent Competition
Presented by WYRZ
Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 6:00 PM**

Winners are eligible for Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Competition

1. The Youth Talent Competition will be held on **Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm**, on the **State Bank Entertainment Stage**. Check-in is **30 minutes** prior to the competition start time. **Preregistration is required**. Entries must be received by **12:00 pm, Friday July 12**. An **entry fee of \$10 per section** must be submitted with the individual registration form. Group acts will be charged an additional \$5 per person after the initial entry fee. Those eligible for the Indiana State Fair must handle their own fees and transportation to the Indiana State Fair.
2. Youth Talent Competition consists of two divisions:
 - Junior Division:** 12 years or less of age
 - Senior Division:** 13-21 years of age (If you are 13 years of age anytime during the year 2024, you must enter the Senior Division.)
3. Individuals do not have to reside in Hendricks County to compete in the event but must be an Indiana resident.
4. Group acts must compete in the division determined by the ages of the majority of group members. No one older than 14 years of age may compete in the Junior Division.
5. An official timer will be present at each competition. Set-up time for all props, including mats, is two minutes only. Ten penalty points will be deducted if set-up time exceeds two minutes. Each act will be allowed a total performance time of two minutes. Ten penalty points will be deducted from the score of any act that exceeds the two-minute time limit. Timing begins a) when music begins, when music is used, or b) at first movement or vocal utterance of performer without musical accompaniment. Music must end within two-minute limit.
6. The Hendricks County 4-H Fair does not provide any equipment (including gymnastic mats), except the lighting and sound equipment. All acts will use **ONLY** the lighting and sound system provided by the Hendricks County 4-H Fair.
7. All acts will use **ONLY** the sound system and sound operator provided; however, instrumentalists may bring their own amplifiers, if needed. All music must be on a flash drive or CD (good quality), cued, correct side marked and labeled with the act's name. This flash drive/CD is to be brought to the Youth Talent Competition on the day of competition at check-in time. Be sure only competition song is on flash drive/CD. Mis-cueing will result in a penalty deduction of 10 points.

8. No one other than the performer(s) will be allowed on stage. This includes all parents and teachers. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may mean disqualification.
9. Videotaping will be allowed only in areas specified for that purpose.
10. Baton twirlers or similar acts using batons will be accepted in the Hendricks County Youth Talent Competition in the baton category. No fire, dry ice or fog will be allowed on stage. Entries in this category will **NOT** be eligible for the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Competition since the Indiana State Fair has a separate Baton competition.
11. The Hendricks County 4-H Fair Director and committee reserve the right to assign acts to what they determine to be the proper categories. The Director of the Youth Talent Competition shall resolve any questions. His/her decision is FINAL. Any ties will be broken by all judges.
12. All acts in the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest must first compete in and win their SANCTIONED county fair competition.
13. Up to two acts from each category in each division may be represented at the Indiana State Fair. Each contestant coming to the Indiana State Fair may perform in two (2) categories. Third place winners will be allowed if 1st or 2nd place is forfeited.
14. There will be no audition for acts.
15. Entries in the Indiana State Fair Contest must meet Performance Rules and Terms and Conditions outlined in the 2024 Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Brochure found online at IndianaStateFair.com.
16. The following descriptions are to be used as guidelines and are subject to interpretation by the Director of the Youth Talent Competition.
 - A) **Vocal Solo**: Shall consist of a solo performance by a vocalist. Instrumental accompaniment by herself/himself or others is allowed but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. Any background vocal on tape must be minimal. (**No props allowed.**)
 - B) **Vocal Group**: Shall consist of a performance by two or more vocalists, male and/or female. Instrumental accompaniment by themselves or others is allowed but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. Any vocal background on tape must be minimal. (**No props allowed.**)
 - C) **Instrumental Solo/Instrumental Group**: Shall consist of a solo or group instrumental performance by a male or female without vocal utterance. Accompaniment is allowed but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the solo performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for accompaniment.
 - D) **Dance Solo**: Shall consist of a solo performance by a male or female dancer. Accompanists are permitted on stage but must not assume visual importance in the

performance. Ballet, pointe, tap and jazz will be judged in this category. Acts may use acrobatics or tumbling moves such as cartwheels, round-offs, flips, and aerials. A limit of two dance related acrobatic or tumbling moves will be permitted. (**Props must be part of costume.**)

- E) ***Dance Group***: Shall consist of a performance by two or more dancers, male and/or female. Accompanists are permitted on stage but must not assume visual importance in the performance. Ballet, pointe, tap and jazz will be judged in this category. Acts may use acrobatics or tumbling moves such as cartwheels, round-offs, flips, and aerials. A limit of four dance related acrobatic or tumbling moves will be permitted. (**Props must be part of costume.**)
- F) ***Tumbling/ Rhythmic Gymnastics Solo***: Shall consist of a solo performance by a male or female tumbler. This category was created for the dance routines that incorporate more than two acrobatic tricks. Everyone is responsible for his/her own mats and runners. Two people per mat may place mats on stage. Tumbling moves are as follows: cartwheels, round-offs, flips, or aerials. These are considered as one trick each. (**Props allowed.**)
- G) ***Tumbling/ Rhythmic Gymnastics Group***: Shall consist of two or more tumblers, male and/or female. This category was created for the dance routines that incorporate more than two acrobatic tricks. Everyone is responsible for his/her own mats and runners. Two people per mat may place mats on stage. Tumbling moves are as follows: cartwheels, round-offs, flips, or aerials. (**Props allowed.**)
- H) ***Clogging Solo & Clogging Group***: Two or more cloggers are considered a group. (**Props must be part of the costume.**)
- I) ***Baton Solo & Baton Group***: Two or more performers are considered a group.
- J) ***Novelty Solo***: The novelty category is for a performance in any act that has NOT been previously described. Shall consist of a solo performance by a male or female. This category will include acts using a combination of skills from two different categories where one skill does not stand alone (such as singing and dancing, playing an instrument and singing, lip synching and dancing, and the use of props). The following acts are in this category: skits, impersonators, lip sync, comedians, magicians, recitations (original or otherwise), mimes, jugglers (pins, balls, plates, etc.), unicyclist, hula hoops, reenactments, dramatic presentations (theatrical), jump rope. This category does not include any of the above divisions. (**Props allowed.**)
- K) ***Novelty Group***: The novelty category is for a performance in any act that has NOT been previously described. Shall consist of two or more performers, male and/or female. This category will include acts using a combination of skills from two different categories where one skill does not stand alone (such as singing and dancing, playing an instrument and singing, lip synching and dancing, and the use of props). Hand carried props only. Props must be used as an integral part of the act. (Limit two acrobatic tricks.) The following acts are in this category: skits, impersonators, lip sync, comedians, magicians, recitations (original or otherwise), mimes, jugglers (pins, balls, plates, etc.), unicyclist, hula hoops, reenactments, dramatic presentations (theatrical), jump rope. This category does not include any of the above divisions. Two-minute setup time. (**Props allowed.**)

17. Scoring will be based on the following Indiana State Fair criteria:

- A) A panel of two or more judges will serve at all competitions.
- B) Judging will include but is not limited to the following criteria:
 - a. Artistry and creativity
 - b. Technique
 - c. Execution
 - d. Timing and Rhythm
 - e. Degree & Difficulty
 - f. Performance Factors
 - g. Showmanship and General Impression
 - h. Age-Appropriate Words and Songs
 - i. Entertainment Value
- C) Any ties will be broken by the judges and talent show coordinator.
- D) All awards will be presented at the end of the competition.

2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Youth Talent Competition Entry Form

Name of Entrant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Name and Birthdate of All Participants:

Please choose: **Junior** (12 years of age or less) or **Senior** (13 to 21 years of age; if you are 13 years of age anytime during the year 2024, you must enter the Senior Division.)

Please choose: **Solo** or **Group**

Name of Group: _____

Song performed (if applicable): _____

Flash Drive or **CD**

Talent Category (choose only one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Solo | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Solo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Solo | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty Solo | <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty Group | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tumbling/ Rhythmic Gymnastics Solo | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tumbling/ Rhythmic Gymnastics Group | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clogging Solo & Group | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baton Solo & Group | | |

Contestant(s) has read the Rules of the Hendricks County 4-H Fair Talent Competition and agrees to abide by the terms. A separate form must be submitted for each category entered. A fee of \$10 per entry (first participant included) and \$5 for each additional participant for a group must be submitted with this form.

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent / Guardian (If under 18)

Make check payable to: **Hendricks Co. 4-H & Ag. Fair Assoc., Inc.** Please mail entries and entry fee to: **Hendricks Co. 4-H & Ag. Fair Assoc., Inc., ATTN: 2023 Youth Talent Competition, P.O. Box 7 - 1900 East Main Street, Danville, IN 46122**