



### \*\*\*Big Announcement\*\*\*

- **Jr./Sr. Division Age Change (Jr. Division 7-13 Sr. Division 13-21) \*\*Because of this recent change ONLY 13 yr olds will get to decide which age division they want to enter. The decision is final once your registration is turned in.**
- **Prize for Jr. Division winner will be 4 hour Studio Time at the Record Shop in Nashville TN, and a virtual audition with Take3Talent's, Natasha Matalana.**
- **Prize for the Sr. division will be a trip to LA to write, record, and release a song with Lily Brooks O'Briant, and a virtual audition with Take3Talent's, Natasha Matalana.**
- **Jr. & Sr. Qualifying and Semifinal rounds will be held on separate days.**

Modeled after the American Idol talent contest, Star of the Fair will be a feature attraction at the 2023 Delta Fair & Music Festival taking place Sunday, September 3, 2023 through Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at the Agricenter International – 7777 Walnut Grove Rd, Memphis, TN 38120.

#### **Sr. Division Dates:**

**Qualifying Round:** Sunday, September 3, 2023 @ 12:30 – Agricenter A-Wing

**Semifinal:** Sunday, September 3, 2023 @ 3:30 – Agricenter A-Wing

**Finals:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 @ 6:00 – Delta Fair Main Stage

#### **Jr Division Dates:**

**Qualifying Round:** Monday (Labor Day), September 4 , 2023 @ 12:30 – Agricenter A-Wing

**Semi-finals:** Monday (Labor Day) September 4, 2023 @ 3:30 – Agricenter A-Wing

**Finals:** Tuesday, September 5, 2023 @ 6:00 – Delta Fair Main Stage

#### **Division and Prizes:**

**Junior Division – ages 7 – 13 years old.** You must be 7 years old by September 4, 2023. There will be ten (10) finalists in the Junior Division.

There will be three (3) cash prizes for the Junior Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$400.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$200.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100.00 **1<sup>st</sup> Place also wins a 4 hour Studio Time at the Record Shop in Nashville TN, and a virtual audition with Take3Talent's, Natasha Matalana.**

**Senior Division – ages 13 – 21 years old.** You must be 13 years old by September 3, 2023. We will have fifteen (15) finalists in the Senior Division.

There will be three (3) cash prizes for the Senior Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$1000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$500.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$250.00. **1<sup>st</sup> Place also wins a trip to LA to write, record, and release a song with Lily Brooks O'Briant, and a virtual audition with Take3Talent's, Natasha Matalana.**

## OVERVIEW

Star of the Fair seeks to showcase the top vocalists in the Mid-South. (Contestants must be 7 to 21 years old on or before September 04, 2023)

All who wish to enter the competition must pre-register by emailing or mailing the Entry Form located on the last page of this packet. The only fee to enter is \$45 early registration or \$60 for late registration which includes free admission for the contestant to the Delta Fair & Music Festival Star of the Fair Competition on the days for each round you progress to between the dates Sunday, September 03, 2023 through Tuesday, September 5, 2023 Final Round. The top ten (10) from the Jr.Division and top fifteen (15) finalists from each division, will compete in the Final Competition at the Delta Fair & Music Festival ([www.DeltaFest.com](http://www.DeltaFest.com)) on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. The Star of the Fair winner will be determined by Star of the Fair judges.

## THE COMPETITION PROCESS

**Music Requirements:** For all rounds, you may sing a capella song, handheld instrument or use a karaoke/music track on CD or jump drive.. Please bring 2 copies of your CD/jump drive..

**Time Requirements:** We will begin to time you from the first vocal utterance.

**Qualifying Round** – Not to exceed one (1) minute

**Semifinal Round** – Not to exceed two (2) minutes.

**Final Round** – Full length of song, not to exceed five (5) minutes and will be judged on judges point system.

You must bring your social security number to be awarded the prize money. Alternates will be determined from each Semifinal Competition in the event a contestant does not meet the STAR OF THE FAIR requirements and will only be notified in the case of a disqualification.

Star of the Fair, Expo South, are not responsible for lost, stolen, mangled, mis-delivered, illegible, incomplete or late entries. One person will be awarded the grand prize.

## REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE STAR OF THE FAIR

You are between the ages of 7-21 by September 3, 2023, a legal U.S. citizen or a permanent U.S. resident who is eligible to work full-time in the United States; and if you are in the Final competition at the Delta Fair & Music Festival on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, you **MUST** be able to demonstrate prior to the final round that you do not have a professional recording contract.

You are **NOT** eligible for this contest if you have appeared on any **National Network Television** contest or reality show. Winners of local competitions are welcome as long as they have not won the Delta Fair in their current age division.

## WHAT TO BRING TO THE SEMIFINAL AND FINAL COMPETITION

- **Identification:** If you are questioned about your age, you must have in possession one form of proof of age. Failure to do so could result in disqualification at the end.
- **Under 18:** If you are under 18 years of age, you must be accompanied by your parent or legal guardian. If you are accompanied by a legal guardian (as opposed to a parent), your legal guardian must bring proof of guardianship or you will not be able to audition. In addition, your parent or legal guardian must have the authority to sign documents on your behalf, including the release form on the website (which should be signed by you and your parent and/or legal guardian, as indicated on the form).
- **W-9 or Social Security Number:** Winners for the **FINAL** round need a completed W-9 form or a social security number of contestants to fill out the provided W-9 form before receiving cash prize (**Winners will not be given their prize money without supplying Delta Fair & Music Festival their social security number for tax purposes**).

### RULES:

**The same rules apply to both the Junior and Senior Division.**

Musical instruments are allowed but must be handheld. Keyboards are not allowed. Tracks must be in CD or jump drive format, contestants will not be allowed to use an aux cord.

### DISQUALIFICATION:

All contestants, family members or vocal teachers displaying lewd, disrespectful or inappropriate behavior or language to any fellow contestant, family member, vocal teacher, Star of The Fair staff or Delta Fair staff will automatically disqualify the contestant.

Any lewd, disrespectful or inappropriate behavior or language by a vocal teacher will result in **ALL** of their students being disqualified.

We reserve the right to disqualify and/or exclude, in our sole and absolute discretion, any individual from any of the auditions for any reason or for no reason at all, including without limitation, violation of any portion of these rules, or tampering with the entry process or the audition process. We also reserve the right to change the rules and procedures at any time. Being chosen to compete at any level in the process does NOT ensure that you will be selected to continue to the next stage.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS:

General dates and locations are subject to change.

Delta Fair and Music Festival, Expo-South, Universal Fairs, participating television stations, advertising agencies or any person or entity connected with the production, administration or judging of the auditions or programs, or any to their respective parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, successors and assigns, and the respective officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, partners, shareholders, attorneys, representatives and members of each of the foregoing entities are not responsible for and shall not be liable for: i) any failure of transportation, bad directions, or the inability, for any reason, of any person to appear at a competition site ; ii) any injuries, losses or damages of any kind caused by traveling to or from the competition venues, being present at the competition venues, participating in the competition process or being selected to or disqualified from continuing in the competition process iii) any printing, typographical or technological errors in any materials associated with the competition process.

**For more information contact:** Delta Fair & Music Festival

Offices: [talent@deltafest.com](mailto:talent@deltafest.com)

## SCHEDULE

**(\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* Qualifying and Semifinal will be on the same day for your division. Sr. Division will be on Sunday, September 3rd and Jr. Division will be on Monday, September 4th)**

Entry Form is available online @ [www.Deltafest.com](http://www.Deltafest.com) . Entries must include a completed entry form and payment. Send registration forms – Delta Fair & Music Festival – Attn. - Star of the Fair, 1279 Hidden Ridge Ln.- Cordova, Tn. 38016 or email form to [talent@deltafest.com](mailto:talent@deltafest.com).

**Monday, July 17, 2023 Early Bird Registration Opens** discount (\$45) to submit Entry Forms on or before, Monday August 21, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

**Monday, August 21, 2023 Early-Bird Registration Ends** Entries received after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023 will be \$60.00. If registering at the door it will be **CASH ONLY**. Registration at the door, as space permits. Entry to the fair is not included for those registering at the door.

**SR. DIVISION SCHEDULE: (Ages 13-21) \*\*Because of this recent change ONLY 13 yr olds will get to decide which age division they want to enter. The decision is final once your registration is turned in.**

**Sunday, September 3, 2023: Sr. Division Late Registration @ 12:00pm.** Final registration (\$60) at the door, **CASH ONLY**. Those who register on September 4, 2023 must pay their own way into the fair.

**Sunday, September 3, 2023: Sr. Division Qualifying Round Check-in @ 12:00** All pre-registered competitors will need to arrive at the Delta Fair & Music Festival Star of the Fair Competition at 12:30pm to be given an audition number. There will be a list of contestant's names at the ticket booth at entrance #3 off of Walnut Grove to get you into the Competition. Parents must buy their ticket at the door.

**Sunday, September 3, 2023: Sr. Division Qualifying Round @ 12:30** Competition begins in the Auditorium in the Agricenter. Semifinalists will be announced on Sunday, September 4, 2023 at the conclusion of division.

**Sunday, September 3, 2023: Sr. Division Semifinal Round Check-in @ 3:00** Next round competitors will need to arrive at the Delta Fair & Music Festival Star of the Fair Competition at 3:00pm to be given an audition number. If you leave between rounds, you must pay your own way back in.

**Sunday, September 3, 2023: Sr. Division Semifinal Round @ 3:30** Competition begins in the Auditorium in the Agricenter. Fifteen (15) finalists will be announced on Sunday, September 4, 2023 at the conclusion of the semifinal round. They will be given a ticket, Final Round Check-in time and Final Round Sound Check time.

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023: Final Round Check-in 4:00** The finalists will need to arrive at the Delta Fair & Music Festival Star of the Fair Competition **at assigned check-in times**. This year each finalist will be given a sound check time. If the sound check time is missed, you will not be able to have a sound check.

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023: Final Round @ 6:00** At the end of the competition the winners will be announced. Jr's will compete first and winners will be announced before the Srs compete.

**JR. DIVISION SCHEDULE: (Ages 7-13) \*\*Because of this recent change ONLY 13 yr olds will get to decide which age division they want to enter. The decision is final once your registration is turned in.**

**Monday, September 4, 2023: Jr. Division Late Registration @ 12:00pm.** Final registration (\$60) at the door, **CASH ONLY**. Those who register on September 5, 2023 must pay their own way into the fair.

**Monday, September 4, 2023: Jr. Division Qualifying Round Check-in @ 12:00** All pre-registered competitors will need to arrive at the Delta Fair & Music Festival Star of the Fair Competition at 12:30pm to be given an audition number. There will be a list of contestant's names at the ticket booth at entrance #3 off of Walnut Grove to get you into the Competition. Parents must buy their ticket at the door.

**Monday, September 4, 2023: Jr. Division Qualifying Round @ 12:30** Competition begins in the Auditorium in the Agricenter. Semifinalists will be announced on Monday, September 5, 2023 at the conclusion of division.

**Monday, September 4, 2023: Jr. Division Semifinal Round Check-in @ 3:00** Next round competitors will need to arrive at the Delta Fair & Music Festival Star of the Fair Competition at 3:00pm to be given an audition number. If you leave between rounds, you must pay your own way back in.

**Monday, September 4, 2023: Jr. Division Semifinal Round @ 3:30** Competition begins in the Auditorium in the Agricenter. Ten (10) finalists will be announced on Monday, September 5, 2023 at the conclusion of the semifinal round. They will be given a ticket, Final Round Check-in time and Final Round Sound Check time.

**Tuesday, September 4, 2023: Final Round Check-in 4:00** The finalists will need to arrive at the Delta Fair & Music Festival Star of the Fair Competition **at assigned check-in times**. This year each finalist will be given a sound check time. If the sound check time is missed, you will not be able to have a sound check.

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