



INDIANA STATE FAIR

2024 INDIANA STATE FAIR YOUTH TALENT CONTEST APPLICATION FOR SANCTION FOR PRELIMINARY CONTEST August 10 and August 17, 2024

_____ County Fair requests sanction to sponsor a preliminary talent contest for the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest on _____ (date of county contest). We understand our county's winning act(s) will be eligible to enter the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest and that all act(s) entered into the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest must meet the requirements detailed in the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest terms & conditions.

This sanction form must be submitted by email to entry@indianastatefair.com by August 1, 2024 in order for county winners to enter the 2024 Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest. Any sanction application received August 2, 2024 or after is subject to acceptance by the Youth Talent Contest coordinator.

Following the county talent contest, the county coordinator must:

- Submit a complete list of county winners to entry@indianastatefair.com NO LATER THAN THREE DAYS AFTER completion of the county event.
- Instruct each county winner to read the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest terms & conditions, performance rules and category guidelines, as they may differ from those of the county contest.

Additional Notes:

- County winners may not enter the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest until the county sanction application has been submitted.
- If a county First Place winner cannot attend/compete at the Indiana State Fair, counties are encouraged to select and send the Second Place winner in that category.
- The Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest is not a 4-H talent contest. 4-H participation is not required.

COUNTY TALENT CONTEST COORDINATOR Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Return completed sanction application to: youthtalent@indianastatefair.com by August 1, 2024.

Entry question? Email entry@indianastatefair.com.

Other Youth Talent Contest questions? Email the coordinator at YouthTalent@indianastatefair.com.

Category Guidelines PLEASE NOTE: The Novelty category is for a solo or group performance in any act that has NOT been previously described A-E. See Novelty description below.

- A) **VOCAL** – Solo male, solo female, or group (2 or more performers, male or female): This category shall consist of a solo or group performance by a vocalist(s). Instrumental accompaniment 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 a CD must be minimal. (No props allowed)
- B) **INSTRUMENTAL** – Solo male, female, or group (2 or more performers, male or female): This category shall consist of a solo or group instrumental performance 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. 2-minute limit, set-up time.
- C) **DANCE**—Solo male, female, or group (2 or more performers, male or female): This category shall consist of a solo or group dance performance. Accompanists are permitted on stage. Ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, lyrical, modern, hip-hop, step will be judged in this category. Dance-related acrobatic/tumbling skills will be allowed but should not exceed two (2) skills per solo and four (4) skills per group routine. The final determination of what constitutes appropriate acrobatic/tumbling skills for dance will be at the discretion of the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest judges and contest coordinator. Props must be part of the costume ie: hat, cane, umbrella, parasol, etc.
- D) **CLOGGING** – Solo male, female or group (2 or more performers, male or female): This category shall consist of a solo or group clogging performance. Accompanists are permitted on stage. Freestyle, artistic expression, traditional moving line, hoedown, precision, artistic expressions are all allowed. Props must be part of the costume. No tumbling is allowed.
- E) **TUMBLING/RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS** – Solo male, female or group (2 or more performers, male or female), Floor exercise only: This category was created for the dance routines that incorporate more than two acrobatic/tumbling tricks. Everyone is responsible for his/her own mats and runners. Props and scenery are allowed. No spotters. Two (2)-minute limit, set-up time.
- F) **NOVELTY** – Solo male, female or group (2 or more performers, male or female) The following acts are in this category: Skits, impersonators, Lip Sync, comedians, magicians, recitations (original or otherwise), mimes, jugglers (pins, balls, plates, etc.), unicyclist, hoola hoops, reenactments, dramatic presentations (theatrical), jump rope. THIS CATEGORY DOES NOT INCLUDE SINGERS, DANCERS, TUMBLERS, CLOGGERS OR INSTRUMENTALISTS. Props are allowed. Two (2)-minute limit, set-up time.

IMPORTANT

Performance Rules PLEASE NOTE: State Fair time limits may be different from your county. You must adjust your performance time to State Fair times.

1. A group act in the county preliminary competition may drop a member who is listed on the Youth Talent Contest Online Entry Form but MAY NOT ADD OR REPLACE any member that was not listed on the original entry form submitted to the Indiana State Fair. Refer to the contest brochure under the Competition Schedule for the date and time that they should report to the Purdue Extension Building Auditorium. If contestants are unable to arrive on time for the Greeting/Registration, they must provide notice to the Indiana State Fair Entry Coordinator two days prior to competition. Approximate line-up time will be given to contestants at registration. Disqualification may result if tardy.
2. Performance time allotted shall be: 2:00-minute limit for solo act; 2:30-minute limit for duets and groups of three or more; 5:00-minute limit for band performance. The definition of a band is one (1) lead singer, one (1) bass player, one (1) lead guitarist and one (1) drummer/percussionist. A band must consist of four (4) or more members. An official timer will be present at each competition during the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest. Ten penalty points will be deducted from the score of any act that exceeds the designated time limit for that act.
3. Timing begins: a) When music begins, (when music is used), OR b) At first movement or vocal utterance of performer without musical accompaniment. Set-up time for all props, including mats, is 2 minutes only. Music must end within the designated time limit. Ten penalty points will

be deducted if set-up time exceeds 2 minutes.

4. The Indiana State Fair DOES NOT provide any equipment (including gymnastic mats), except for the lighting and sound equipment. All acts will use ONLY the lighting system provided by the Indiana State Fair.
5. No fire, dry ice, or fog will be allowed.
6. All acts will use the sound system and sound operator provided by the Indiana State Fair (ISF). Instrumentalists may bring their own amplifier if needed. All music must be either on a CD (one song, good quality, scratch free) and/or an Apple or Android device. ISF will provide an 1/8-inch plug to connect the headphone jack on an Apple or Android device. Contestants must provide a person to operate these devices and the device may need to be removed from its' case to insure proper connection. CDs will be collected, and devices will be tested during the registration time on the contestant's performance day. Each CD should be labeled with the contestant's name and county. ISF is not responsible for lost or damaged CDs or devices.
7. Only one parent, guardian or teacher will be allowed in the private dressing area. Failure to comply with these terms & conditions may result in disqualification.
8. Recording will be allowed only in areas specified for that purpose.