

2025 Fond du Lac County Fair Junior Amateur Talent Competition **Contestant Rules**

1. Show is open to legal residents of Wisconsin. Judge's decisions are final.
2. Youth: 2 through 12 years
Teen: 13 through 18 years
Age requirements based on the day of competition.
3. Youth acts will be permitted to have one performer who is 13 years old only. If a performer in a Youth act turns 13 before the Fair, thus making the Youth act have two or more 13-year-olds, that act will automatically become a Teen act. Any performer who is 14 years or older will not be allowed to perform in a Youth act.
4. Acts are required to keep the performance at three minutes or less. Acts running longer than three minutes are subject to possible disqualification or point deduction. This will be at the judge's discretion. Set-up time is not included in the three minute limit. Please limit set-up time to one minute.
5. No more than five persons are allowed in an act. Accompanists are not considered part of the act and can be of any age. Please limit the number of accompanists to three. Drums, amps, etc. are discouraged due to the one-minute set-up time. No combos, rock bands or similar musical groups permitted.
6. Acts are asked to not dance onto or off the stage before introductions. After introductions, contestants may take any position they wish to begin their performance.
7. **Vocalists are strongly encouraged to practice and perform with the assistance of a vocal coach and/or a live accompanist. We understand that live accompanists are expensive and sometimes very difficult to obtain for some performers. We do allow recorded accompaniment. The judges' preference is a single instrument. Multiple tracks, although permitted, are not suggested. This is not a karaoke contest. Any pre-recorded track with backing vocals is not allowed, and the act will be disqualified.**
8. Contestants may only appear once in any given show. They may not perform "solo" and then return in the same show in a duet or trio.
9. Professionals are NOT permitted to compete. This includes Union musicians and anyone whose principle source of income is from their talent. Compensation for performing at weddings, etc. does not constitute principle source of income.
10. Acts will need name, complete address, birth date, age, phone number (include area code), and type of talent. Acts with multiple contestants need one member to act as a contact person, and all information will go through them. Additional members of the act need only birth date, age and town.
11. Applications are due on or before July 15, 2025.