2018 Freeborn County Fair Amateur Talent Contest

ENTRY FORM & RULES

The Freeborn County Fair Amateur Talent Contest is open to all amateur entertainers. Contestants must reside in Freeborn County. Professionals (union musicians or those whose talent is a principle source of income) are NOT permitted to enter. Acts that have participated in the past may compete again with the exception of the First Place winner(s) in the Open Division. Former First Place winners in the Pre-Teen Division are required to compete in the Teen Division. Former First Place winners in the Teen Division must compete in the Open Division if they choose to compete again. Former Open Division winners may compete again after two years from the time they won.

Contestants must submit a completed Entry Form to the Talent Contest Coordinator. Entry forms must include the following information on each person in a group: name, address, phone number, age on date of contest, birth date, county of residence, type of talent and title of selection. Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted. Entries that do not match the information submitted on the entry form exactly will be disqualified.

There will be three divisions. The PRE-TEEN Division is open to contestants age 12 and under. The TEEN Division is open to contestants ages 13-18. The OPEN Division is open to contestants of any age.

Accompanists, when NOT part of the act, may be any age.

The contest will be held on SUNDAY, August 5th at 1:00 PM on all divisions. The contest will be held on the stage in front of Entertainment Square on the Freeborn County Fairgrounds. The contest will begin with the youngest entrant in the Pre-Teen Division and progress through to the oldest in each division. A schedule will be posted prior to the beginning of the contest at the stage area. Contestants using costumes should come ready to appear. There are no dressing rooms available other than fairground restrooms.

The time limit is FOUR (4) MINUTES. Points will be deducted for contestants going over this time limit.

An 88 key keyboard will be available, however contestants must provide their own accompanist. There will be no backup band. Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment, provided the tape/cd contains musical accompaniment only. ABSOLUTELY – NO BACKGROUND VOCALS WILL BE ALLOWED. A sound system will be provided and a sound technician will be on hand to assist with any special needs. Tapes should be cued up and if "self made CD – it is advisable to bring another copy. Please put your name & division on it as well. All contestants are required to use the sound system provided by the Freeborn County Fair. No setup time or warm up time will be allowed between acts. DANCERS – there will be no warm-ups or practicing in or around the stage area before the contest.

Gate admission will be the responsibility of each contestant. Parking is provided on the fairgrounds. No vehicles will be given special permission to park in the Entertainment Square area.

First, second and third places will be awarded in each division. The first place winner in each division will be eligible to compete in the semi-final competition at the Minnesota State Fair.

The acts selected to perform at the Minnesota State Fair will be required to perform the same act or musical selection exactly as performed at the Freeborn County Fair.

All contestants will be judged on quality of performance, stage presence, entertainment value and selection. Judges decisions are final and score sheets will not be released to contestants or to the public.

Prize money will be awarded as follows in each division:

First Place - $75 Second Place - $60 Third Place - $50

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP NAME _____

IF GROUP – CONTACT NAME AND PHONE _____

ADDRESS_____CITY_____STATE_____

HOME PHONE_____WORK/CELL _____

DESCRIPTION OF TALENT AND TITLE OF SELECTION _____

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Act will compete in one of the following:

*****check ONE

( ) PRE-TEEN DIVISION (12 & UNDER)
( ) TEEN DIVISION (13-18)
( ) OPEN DIVISION (ANY AGE)

AGE & DATE OF BIRTH_____

Number of persons in act? _____ Instruments in act?_____

Do you need a piano?_____

Contest will be held on SUNDAY, AUGUST 5th AT 1:10 PM.

Entry forms must be received NO LATER than JULY 31st. Please send to Fair Office, P.O. Box 128., Albert Lea, MN 56007 or email to freeborncountyfair@gmail.com Call 507-383-6571 if any questions.

Are you a union musician or have you ever performed the above mentioned talent as a professional on a regular employment basis? Yes____ No____

Have you ever participated in the Minnesota State Fair Amateur Talent Contest? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, were you a division winner? Yes_____ No_____ Which Division?_____

I acknowledge that I have read the entry rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature of Contestant (s) _____

***IF GROUP, please list each entrant's name, address, phone, age, birth date, and county of residence on bottom of entry form.