

Lake County Fair Amateur Talent Contest
Thursday
6 pm
Commercial Building Stage

Divisions:

Preteen Division (12 yr and under)

Teen Division (13-18 yr old)

Open Division (any age)

*In cases where the act consists of a group of people, choose the division that is appropriate for the majority of the group members.

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

Eligibility:

The contest is open to all amateur entertainers. 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 and etc. does not constitute principle source of income. There is no fee to enter the contest. Each act may appear only once (an act is defined as the same person or configuration of people). Contestants or at least one member of a group act must live in Lake County or School District #381 area to be eligible to participate in the contest.

Past Winners:

Contestants who have participated in talent contests at a county fair in the past may compete again. If a contestant previously won the Minnesota State Fair County Fair Talent Contest, they may not compete again in the same division. Former Teen Division first place winners are required to compete in the Open Division. Past Preteen first place winners must also compete in the Open Division if they are not of age to compete in the Teen Division.

Accompaniment:

Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment ONLY; absolutely no vocals are allowed on the recording. For vocal acts, contestants will be disqualified if accompaniment recording has vocals of any kind. For recorded accompaniment, a CD is required. Please make sure your CD works in a CD player and not just on your computer.

Judging:

Judges' decisions are final and scores will not be released to contestants or public, though a comment sheet can be provided after the fair to those who request one.

Contestants will be judged on:

*Quality of performance (including selection)

*Stage Presence

*Entertainment Value

Please keep in mind that the Lake County Fair is a family fair. Participants are encouraged to choose an act that is age appropriate in regards to content and costuming. The Lake County Fair Board reserves the right to stop any act that is deemed inappropriate.

Sound:

If a sound system is required, all contestants are required to use the sound system provided by the Lake County Fair. The Fair will also provide microphones and compact disc player. All other instruments and amplifiers must be provided by contestant.

Time Limit:

The time limit is four minutes and points will be deducted for contestants going over the limit. Musical groups and vocalists are allowed to perform a medley of tunes, but must remain within the four-minute time limit.

Bands/Heavy Equipment:

If you have band gear or heavy equipment to load in, you must notify us to make arrangements. Please call or email us, 218-269-4159 (Rachel) or lcasfrbrd@hotmail.com one week prior to the contest.

Stage:

Contestants will perform on the standard commercial building stage. The measurement is ft. wide x deep. Contestants are encouraged to come in costume, since changing facilities are limited.

Prizes:

First Place:\$50 Cash and Opportunity to Compete at the MN State Fair

Second Place: \$30 Cash

Third Place: \$20 Cash

The winning act in each division will be eligible to represent Lake County at the Minnesota State Fair County Fair Talent Contest, if first place winner is unable to perform the second place winner may substitute . Admission to the State Fair, transportation, meals, and lodging are the responsibilities of the winning act(s). If you place in your category, please stay near the stage after the show to have your photo taken, receive your prize(s), and get information about the State Fair Competition.

Please make sure you have read and understand all the rules and regulations, if you have any further questions please contact us, 218-269-4159 Rachel or lcasfrbrd@hotmail.com

Lake County Fair Talent Contest Official Application Form

Please complete the following:

Individual or Group Name: _____

Age: _____

Groups: Names and ages of all participants (attach sheet if necessary):

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Contact Person (if under 18 Parent or Guardian): _____

Address: _____

City: _____, MN Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____@_____

Brief Background of contestant(s) and Describe Talent:

I/we would like to compete in the following division (please select only one):
See rules at www.thelakecountyfair.com

- ___ Preteen (12 and under)
- ___ Teen (13-18 Years)
- ___ Open Class (any age)

If you are chosen to compete in the contest and then place in this contest, are you able to perform at the MN State Fair? (Exact dates will be confirmed upon winning.) Yes No

Have you (or your group) ever performed the above talent as a paid professional? Yes No
If yes, please describe:

Please list any additional equipment you will be using. This helps us determined the order of appearance and staging requirements:

While the judges are deliberating we will allow “Encore” performances to entertain our audience. These performances will have no bearing on the final outcome. Would you be interested in doing an “Encore” performance? ___ YES ___ No, thank you.

Promotional photos will be taken. By signing below you agree to the following:

“I give permission for any photos of my/our act to be used by the Polk County Fair and/or local papers both on and off the internet without compensation, provided the photos are used for promotional and news only.”

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

Signature of Contestant/Contact Person

Date

(If under 18, Parent or Legal Guardian)
(Email submission of this form is considered signed)

Please return to:
LCAgS
PO Box 11
Two Harbors, MN 55616
or lcasfrbrd@hotmail.com

Please make a copy of this form for your records