



2025 Marshall County Fair Talent Contest

Rules and Information

- Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment ONLY; absolutely NO VOCALS are allowed on the recording. If a recording has vocals of any kind, the contestant will be disqualified. CD's are required if using an accompaniment. NO iPods, iPads or cell phones are allowed for accompaniment recordings.
- Judges' decisions are final and scores are not released to contestants or the public.
- If a contestant is a former Minnesota State Fair Talent Contest winner, they may not compete in the same division for the MCF Talent contest.
- Professionals are not permitted to compete. For amateurs only.
- First-place winners will advance to the Minnesota State Fair Talent Contest and must perform the same act or musical selection used at the Marshall County Fair.
- There is a FOUR MINUTE time limit for each contestant. Points will be deducted for any contestant who goes over the time limit.
- If you have participated and won in another County and will be representing that County, please give this information to Shelly Guzek when you arrive. You may still participate and are NOT eligible to win.
- The contestant must be a resident of Marshall County or have ties to the county.
- Contestants are NOT allowed to use sheet music otherwise you will be disqualified.
- Each contestant, if needed, is responsible to provide their own CD.
- PRE-TEEN DIVISION is open to contestants age 12 and under ONLY.
TEEN DIVISION is open to contestants ages 13 through 18 ONLY.
OPEN DIVISION is open to any contestant, regardless of 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.

Check-in Meeting:

All acts are REQUIRED to attend a check-in meeting at the Vonasek Free Stage at 12:00-1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 26th. The talent show will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26th. Please be there 10-15 minutes early (to schedule a time contact the Marshall County Fair Office at 218-745-4445 or email at marshallcountyfair@gmail.com). This meeting is mandatory and will last approximately 15 minutes. If the contestant does not attend the meeting the contestant will not be allowed to perform. Contestants will need to bring their CD at this time too. Please contact Shelly Guzek @ 218-686-5827 for any further questions.

Contestants will be judged on:

- Quality of Performance (including selection)
- Stage Presence
- Appearance
- Entertainment Value