

Marshall County Fair Talent Contest

Rules and Information

Rules:

- Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment ONLY; absolutely NO VOCALS are allowed on the recording. If 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. Any contestant who goes over the four minutes will be disqualified.
- If you have participated and won in another County and will be representing that County, please give this information to Josh Whitlow 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.
- Contestant are NOT allowed to use sheet music otherwise you will be disqualified.
- Each contestant if need 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 till 1:00 p.m. on the day they are scheduled to perform.(To schedule a time contact Josh Whitlow 218-686-1269 or josh.whitlow@digijey.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 there CD at this time too.

Contestants will be judged on:

- Quality of Performance
- Stage Presence
- Appearance
- Entertainment Value