**The 2024 DuPage County Fair Talent Contest invites**

**all talented performers ages 0 to 21 to compete and come**

(Professional entertainers are not eligible)

* Two age divisions – **Junior**: 14 years old & younger; **Senior**: 15-21 years old as of July 28, 2024.
* Cash Prizes for the top 3 places in each division!

The Contest will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at **12:00 PM Noon** in Expo Building 1.

**Contest Rules:**

1. **All members of the act must be Illinois residents or attend an Illinois school**.
2. If a Junior-aged contestant and a Senior-aged contestant enter an act together, they must enter in the Senior division.
3. **The same person cannot compete in more than three (3) acts. Contestants are allowed to perform once as a solo, once as a duo, and/or once as a group of three or more.**
4. Entries and fees must be received by 5:00 pm at the Fair office on July 20, 2024. Entries received after July will need approval from the Talent Committee.
5. \*\*\***NO REFUNDS**\*\*\* – No refunds of any entry fees will be given once an entry is submitted.
6. The Fair will provide microphone(s) and a piano. Contestants are responsible to supply their own floor mats, other instruments, and other props.
7. The panel of judges’ decisions will be final.
8. Any act going over the 4-minute time limit will be disqualified. The Contestant is not to give an introduction to their act. The MC will announce the Contestant and the act begins. **This is monitored by stopwatches and is a *state rule*.**
9. There is a set-up time allowance of 3 minutes. Any act going over the 3-minute set-up time allowance will be disqualified. **This is monitored by stopwatches**.
10. When using recorded accompaniment on a CD, **no like-talent** is allowed on the recording. In other words, if you sing, no vocals are allowed; if you tap dance, no tap dancing; if you play an instrument, no like instrument; etc. This will be carefully monitored. *Only the song that you are using should be on the CD to prevent issues with the contestant’s performance.* **This is a *state rule***.
11. An entry fee of $25.00 per entry is due with the application. The entrant must also provide proof of age (birth certificate, driver’s license, passport, etc.) for each person competing in an act. This information must be received at the Fair office on July 20, 2024.
12. **If you live outside Illinois but attend a public or private school within the state of Illinois, you must provide proof of enrollment to participate.**

***Please make your check payable to DuPage County Fair****. If you are paying for more than one entry, you may submit one check for all entries. To pay by credit card, please contact the Fair Office at (630) 668-6636*.

Send all entries to: DuPage County Fair

 Attn: Talent Contest

 2015 Manchester Road

 Wheaton, IL 60187

Any Questions? Contact Fair Office – 630-407-4423

Email: dupagecountytalent@gmail.com

**2024 DUPAGE COUNTY FAIR TALENT CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

**Please print or type all information - *Professional Entertainers are not eligible***

***Contest*: Sunday, July 28th, 2024**

**Expo Building (#1) @ 12:00pm Noon**

1. **Age Division for this entry:** □ **Junior** – 14 years old & younger □ **Senior** – 15 to 21 years old
2. **Size of Act:** □ **Solo** □ **Duet** □ **Trio** □ **Group** (*how many people*): \_\_\_\_\_\_
3. **Name of Group or Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. **Type of Act** (*check one or more*):

□ **Instrumental** (*type*): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ □ **Dance** (*type*): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

□ **Vocal** □ **Comedy** □ **Magic** □ **Other**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Accompaniment**: □ **None** □ **CD** □ **Piano** □ **Other**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. List the **names** of each member of the act and their **age** as of July 28, 2024. (*Write on the back for more members*)

| **Name** | **Age** | **Name** | **Age** |
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1. **Contact Information** (Parent or Guardian if entrant is a minor)

**Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Address**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**City**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Zip**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. I heard about the DuPage County Fair Talent Contest from: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. **Are you competing in any other fairs**: □ **Yes** □ **No**
3. I have enclosed:

□ **$25.00 Entry Fee for each act, made payable to DuPage County Fair.**

(One check for the total of both Junior and Senior entries is acceptable.)

□ **Enclosed proof of age(s) for all members of each entry**

□(If applicable) Attached proof of enrollment in an Illinois school if not an Illinois resident

1. **Signature of Contact Person**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***DEADLINE: Entries must be received by July 20, 2024***

***At the DuPage County Fair Office – ATTN: Talent Contest***

***2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL 60187***

**The Talent Committee reserves the right to accept additional entries at its discretion.**

| **For Office Use Only:**Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Payment by: □Check # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ □Credit CardProof of Age Received: □Yes □No Proof of Enrollment Received: □Yes □No |
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