

BILL RILEY TALENT SEARCH
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Superintendents

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The Woodbury County Fair will hold two complete State Fair Talent Searches. The contests will be on Thursday, August 6th, at 7 PM and Saturday, August 8th, at 7 PM. The competition will be at the fairgrounds in Flathers Hall. The search is divided into two divisions, Sprouts, ages 2 through 12, and Seniors, ages 13 through 21. The winner of each division will be entitled to enter the competition at the Iowa State Fair. If the first place winner cannot attend the Iowa State Fair, the second place winner may compete.

Prizes in each division will be: 1st--\$75; 2nd--\$50; and 3rd--\$25. A special prize of \$25 will be awarded to the highest placing Woodbury County resident in the Junior and Senior divisions.

The following rules are specified by the State Fair Talent Search. We have no means for checking every rule the day of the contest, however, you will be disqualified at state if you break one, so make sure your act is within these rules before you come.

Show is open to legal residents of the state of Iowa only. Acts must appear in a locally sponsored/Iowa State Fair sanctioned show somewhere in the state of Iowa and win to be eligible to compete at the Iowa State Fair. Judges' decisions are final.

Sprouts: 2 through 12 years

Seniors: 13 through 21

A person's age for the Iowa State Fair competition is determined at the time they win a local show. A 12 year old (or 21 year old) could turn 13 (or 22) by State Fair and still be eligible in the Sprout (or Senior) division, as they met age requirements at the time of qualification.

Sprout acts will be permitted to have one performer who is 13 years old only. If a performer in a Sprout act turns 13 before the State Fair, thus making the Sprout act have two or more 13 year olds, that act will automatically become a Senior act. Any performer who is 14 years or older will not be allowed to perform in a Sprout act.

Acts are required to keep the performance at three minutes or less. Acts running longer than three minutes are subject to possible disqualification or point deduction. This will be at the judge's discretion. Keep the act at three minutes, please. Set-up time is not included. Please try to limit set-up time to one minute.

Not more than five persons are allowed in an act. Piano accompanist is NOT included in an act and may be any age. No more than three accompanists permitted per act. Drums, amps, etc. are discouraged due to the one-minute set-up time. No combos, rock bands or similar musical groups permitted.

Acts are asked to not dance onto or off the stage. After introductions, you may take any position you wish to begin your performance.

Vocalists are strongly encouraged to practice and perform with the assistance of a vocal coach and/or a live accompanist. We understand that live accompanists are expensive, and sometimes very difficult to obtain for some performers. We do allow recorded accompaniment. The judges' preference is a single instrument. Multiple tracks, although permitted, are not suggested. This is not a karaoke contest. Any pre-recorded track with backing vocals is not allowed, and the act will be disqualified.

Contestants may only appear once in any given show. This applies to qualifying shows, as well as the competition at the Iowa State Fair. They may not perform "solo" and then return in the same show in a duet or trio. Contestants are allowed to perform in different acts in different shows, but they may only qualify for the State Fair with one act.

Professionals are not permitted to compete. This includes union musicians or anyone whose principal income is from his/her talent.

An act already qualified may not compete in this contest but may appear as entertainment during the judges' conference. (This is a Woodbury County rule. Since we are one of the last shows to qualify for the State Fair, this gives more people an opportunity to qualify.)

All acts must pre-register with the Talent Show Superintendent prior to the day of the talent show.

Check-in Procedures:

Thursday, August 6, or Saturday, August 8—Meet in Flathers Hall at the north bleachers around 6:30 PM. Tom Gerking or Kathy Clarkson will be there to check in the participants. This event is sponsored by Woodbury County REC.

The general comment section of the judge's ballots will be returned to participants at the conclusion of each show each night. The point value section will remain with the judges.