

4-H's Got Talent - Rules

Open to Ohio 4-H Members Only

1. The 4-H Got Talent Competition is an event that showcases the various talents of Ohio 4-H performers in music, theatre, dance, etc. This event is open only to 4-H members in the Ohio 4-H Youth Development Program. The 4-H member must be enrolled and in good standing to participate.
2. **There will be no preliminary rounds for show qualification and participation. Contestants will have to submit a detailed act description, including lyrics where applicable, to the State 4-H Office on or before July 17, 2018. This competition is open to 12 acts, which will be filled on a first come first served basis and County Extension Professional approval.**
3. Participants must register for the event by using the attached application, which must be received by July 17 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants will not be eligible to compete without appropriate forms completed and submitted.
4. There is no entry fee for this competition.
5. Each contestant will receive 1 complimentary Ohio State Fair youth ticket.
6. Contestants are only allowed one entry in one category.
7. Contestants may perform as individuals or groups (please note: only one clock trophy will be awarded). If a group (no more than 6 members), please choose one point person to register for your group but all names participating must be listed on application (all group members must be 4-H members).
8. Members may choose from the following performing act categories:
 - a. Vocal (solo, duet, ensemble)
 - b. Instrumental (solo, duet, ensemble)
 - c. Dance (tap, modern, ballet, hip hop, jazz, ballroom, etc.)
 - d. Miscellaneous (magic, poetry, juggling, etc.)
9. All categories are limited to no more than six acts. Once a category is full, members applying will be notified and have the option of choosing a different one.
10. The Talent Show competition will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **July 28, 2018** on the Ohio State Fair Youth Center Stage.
11. Under no circumstances may an act run more than five minutes. Acts running over the time limit will be asked to stop, and have points deducted from their score.
12. Contestants must present themselves to the event coordinator at least half an hour prior to event.
13. Acts containing fire, smoke, weapons, or smoke effects will not be allowed to perform.
14. Accompaniment is allowed, but will not be provided. In the Vocal category, performers wishing to play will not be judged on instrumental ability, only their vocal talent. *Note: vocalists may use a CD for accompaniment but it may not have vocals on it. Tracks containing voices will not be allowed to be used.*
15. Lyrics/Text to any song must be appropriate. Chosen songs must contain appropriate lyrics—no lewd or inappropriate language. Any performance containing inappropriate language will result in immediate disqualification from the competition. The member will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct. All costuming must be appropriate and in good taste.
16. The Ohio State 4-H Office and the Talent Show Coordinators are not responsible for any CD which is not picked up following the performance. Please label your CD with your name and track number for identification.

17. In the instrumental categories, live or taped accompaniment is allowed but must assume the pure character of the accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performer would stand alone. In the use of an electronic keyboard, no preprogrammed music is allowed. The contestant must create all sound live on stage. Musicians are responsible for bringing and setting up their own equipment. The event coordinators are not responsible if equipment doesn't work during the performance.
18. Participants are responsible to provide their own instruments. The State 4-H Office or Talent Show Coordinator will not provide any instruments.
19. In the dance category, accompanists are permitted on the stage but must not assume visual importance in the performance.
20. In the Vocal and/or Instrumental categories, any combination of vocal and/or instrumental performance will be accepted, including bands with or without vocals. In this case, the entry will only be adjudicated in the contestants chosen category.
21. The 4-H Talent Show is not responsible for theft/damage or injury of any kind, to persons or instruments, props, clothing etc. during, before, or after the performance.
22. The 4-H Talent Show has the right to use contestants' names and/or photo for any further publicity purposes.
23. Talent Show Coordinators reserve the right for the final decision on any matters pertaining to the 4-H Got Talent Competition, not covered in the rules.

You may email, mail or fax entries to:

Crystal Ott

Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

2201 Fred Taylor Drive

Columbus, OH 43210

Email: ott.109@osu.edu

Fax: 614-292-5937

Entries must be signed by local 4-H Extension professional and received by July 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

All adjudication will take place by a panel of judges. Scores are the sole property of the Ohio State 4-H Office and will not be released under any circumstances.

Judging Criteria:

- Talent Mastery – how strong is the talent? How well prepared, organized?
- Originality/Creativity – innovative, distinctive from others, props used well, etc.
- Delivery – showmanship, attitude, entertainment value, confidence, etc.
- Time Limit – must be less than 5 minutes or points will be deducted

Awards:

- All participants will receive an Ohio State Fair participation ribbon.
- First, second place, and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category.
- The overall winner of the contest will receive an Ohio 4-H Clock Trophy.

4-H's Got Talent Application

Due: July 17, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

4-H Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Any Special Needs: _____

I have read the 4-H's Got Talent rules and agree to abide by them.

Youth Signature: _____

I have read the 4-H's Got Talent rules which will govern my child's participation. By signing below, I give my child permission to participate in this competition. I give permission to The Ohio State University, OSUE, and the Ohio 4-H program to record and edit into video and/or photograph the likeness, voice, image and video images of my child to use all or parts of the video or photographs in print or electronic materials to promote any and all public awareness for the program(s) in which my child is involved.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

The youth participating in this contest are enrolled in a project and are in good standing in the Ohio 4-H Youth Development Program.

County Extension Professional Signature: _____

There will be no internet access. Speakers, microphone, and a CD player will be available. All other items needed will be the responsibility of the participant.

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(please turn over for additional questions)

Please indicate which category you will be performing in (check box) and complete details associated with that category.

Vocal

Please circle 1 category: Solo Duet Ensemble (up to six performers)

Please list performer's name(s): _____

Please provide the name of the song and description of your act. Lyrics must be attached.

Instrumental/Band

Please circle 1 category: Solo Duet Ensemble (up to six performers)

Please list performer's name(s): _____

Please provide the name of the song and description of your act. Please also list instruments that will be used.

Dance

Please circle 1 category: Solo Duet Ensemble (up to six performers)

Please circle 1 category: Jazz Tap Modern Ballet Hip Hop Ballroom

Please list performer's name(s): _____

Please provide a description of your act.

Miscellaneous

Please circle 1 category: Magic Poetry Juggling Other (up to six performers)

Please list performer's name(s): _____

Please provide a description of your act:

