

2021 Polk County Fair Talent Show
 Thursday, July 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m., Free Stage
ENTRY FORM

Contestant Name(s) and Age(s):	
Address:	
If any of the contestants are under 18, name of parent/guardian:	
Cell or home phone:	
Email address:	
Brief background of contestant(s) (age, experience, etc.) and describe talent (song title, etc.) to be used by the Emcee for your introduction:	
Sound system with CD player, a microphone and a piano are provided. I'd like to use:	<input type="checkbox"/> CD player <input type="checkbox"/> Piano <input type="checkbox"/> Microphone <input type="checkbox"/> None
I/we would like to compete in the following division (please select only one):	<i>See rules at www.polkcountyfair.com (and on Page 2 of Entry Form)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Teen (12 Years and under) <input type="checkbox"/> Teen (13-18 Years) <input type="checkbox"/> Open Class (any age)

First place winners advance to the Minnesota State Fair County Fair Amateur Talent Contest. Are you able to perform at the MN State Fair? Dates will be sometime between August 27 and September 4. Exact dates will be confirmed upon winning. **Yes No**

Have you (or your group) ever performed the above talent as a paid professional? **Yes No**
 If yes, please describe:

While the judges are deliberating, we will allow "Encore" performances to entertain our audience. These performances will have no bearing on the final outcome. Would you be interested in doing an "Encore" performance? **Yes No**

Promotional photos will be taken. By signing below you agree to the following: *"I give permission for any photos of my/our act to be used by the Polk County Fair and/or local papers both on and off the internet without compensation, provided the photos are used for promotional and news only."*

I acknowledge that I have read the rules and agree to abide by them.

 Signature of Contestant/Contact Person _____
 Date
 (If under 18, Parent or Legal Guardian) *(Email submission of this form is considered signed.)*

Return this form to: polkcountytalentshow@yahoo.com

Questions can be directed to Sarah Reese 218-349-0457 or polkcountytalentshow@yahoo.com

TALENT SHOW RULES

ACCOMPANIMENT: The fair will provide a CD player. Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment only. Absolutely no back-up vocals are allowed on vocal performance accompaniment. The contestant is responsible for the quality and reliability of any CD used; a bad CD will detract from your performance. The fair will also provide a piano, if desired.

TIME LIMIT: The time limit is four minutes and is strictly enforced. Judges will be told to deduct from final scores for those that go over the limit.

JUDGING: Judges will assess talent based on stage presence (use of stage/microphone, eye contact, etc.), quality of performance (talent), choice of selection (did the selection fit the contestant's ability to perform, was it appropriate for the performer, venue, audience), and entertainment value (was the audience entertained, did they enjoy the act, etc.). Judges' decisions are final. Scores are not released to the contestants or the public, though a comment sheet can be provided after the fair to those who request one.

Please keep in mind that the Polk County Fair is a family fair. Participants are encouraged to choose an act that is age appropriate in regards to content and costuming. The Talent show Coordinator and/or the Polk County Fair Board reserves the right to stop any act that is deemed inappropriate.

CHECK-IN MEETING: All acts are required to check-in at the Fair Office 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. Contestants who are using a CD will need to bring it with at that time. Please mark your CD with your name and the track number you need played directly ON the disk. Due to other activities, we will likely only have time for a quick sound check between the meeting and the show.

PRIZES: Winners in the Open Division, Teen Division, and Pre-Teen Division will each receive:

- 1st \$100.00
- 2nd \$75.00
- 3rd \$50.00

The winning act in each division will be eligible to represent Polk County at the Minnesota State Fair County Fair Talent Contest. Admission to the State Fair, transportation, meals, and lodging are the responsibilities of the winning act(s).

If you place in your category, please stay near the stage after the show to have your photo taken, receive your prize(s), and get information about the State Fair Competition.

SOUND SYSTEM: All contestants are required to use the sound system provided; lapel and headset microphones will not be allowed. A sound technician will be present throughout the show. The contestant must provide all instruments and amplifiers, if needed.

STAGE: Contestants will perform on the HANSON FREE STAGE (near the Fair Office). Contestants are encouraged to come in costume, since changing facilities are limited.

ADMISSION/PARKING: All contestants are responsible for their own parking fees, though there is no admission fee to the fair. For those transporting items, you may drive up near the stage to unload, but are asked to park your vehicle(s) in the standard lots upon the completion of your unloading process. There is no admission cost for family and friends to watch the Talent Show.

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