

# Allegany County Fair Talent Showcase

## 2023 Rules & Application

### Rules:

1. Age limits: Maxi Division – 13 years of age and older. Mini Division – 12 years of age and under. Ages are as of 9/1/23. The 50% rule will be used concerning groups. **NO CONTESTANT OVER THE AGE OF 14 MAY PERFORM IN THE MINI DIVISION.**
2. Time limit for each act must not exceed five (5) minutes.
3. Contestants must be strictly amateur. Performers or groups holding union cards are not eligible. Teachers are not permitted to compete or perform in their professional talent (including as a live accompanist – see rule 10).
4. To be eligible for the New York State Fair Talent Showcase, contestants must have performed and placed in the top 25 in a County Fair Talent Show sanctioned by the New York State Fair. Contestants who compete in one county are not eligible to compete in another county.
5. The Allegany County Fair Talent Show is sanctioned by the New York State Fair and as such, uses the same rules as the NYS Fair Talent Showcase and is open to any resident of New York State.
6. A contestant may compete a maximum of three times – One solo and two groups OR three groups with no solo.
7. For the State contest, contestants must perform the same act they did at the county level. There cannot be any substitutions in group members, performance changes, routines, costumes, clothing/attire, music, etc.
8. The Talent Showcase will take place on Saturday July 22, 2023, starting at 11:00 am. Registration begins at 10:00 am. All contestants must be checked in by 10:45 am. The contest will begin with the Mini participants and continue on with the Maxi group.
9. Contestants using recorded music for their performance must deliver a CD in new condition to the Registration table at sign-in time. CDs should be labeled with the name of your act. Please supply a high-quality recording for your performance. Mp3 or flash drive will also be accepted. Mp3s may be e-mailed ahead of time.
10. A sound system and piano will be provided by the Allegany County Fair. Contestants needing an accompanist must supply their own. The accompanist is considered part of the act in regards to Rule 1 & 3 and age divisions.
11. Transportation to and from the Fair and meals are the responsibility of the contestant. There may be a lunch break at the discretion of the Superintendent.
12. One (1) pass will be provided to each contestant. One additional pass will be provided for a parent if needed. These passes are for admission only and do not include rides.
13. There is no entry fee of any kind.
14. The decision of the judges will be final.
15. 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place will receive cash prizes. Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will receive trophies or plaques.
16. Any questions or comments should be directed to Becky Freeman-Brauen at (585) 610-0717 or by e-mail at [melodymagicdj@yahoo.com](mailto:melodymagicdj@yahoo.com).
17. Applications will be accepted until the day of the show but if mailing should be postmarked by July 12, 2023, in order to guarantee an admissions pass. Applications can be submitted via mail, e-mail or in-person.

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### PLEASE SEND IN THIS PORTION – 2023

#### Application: Use One Application Per Act

Competition you are entering (check one)

Maxi Division - Ages 13 & Over

Mini Division - Ages 12 & Under

Name & Mailing Address \*(For groups you must send a list with names and dates of birth for each performer with this application)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check the ONE that BEST describes your act

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Vocal Solo

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Vocal Group

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Instrumental Solo

Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Instrumental Group

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Dance Solo

Name of parent if parent pass is needed \_\_\_\_\_

Dance Group

Will you use recorded music for your act? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Variety Solo

Name of accompanist, if using live music \_\_\_\_\_

Title of music \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need time during the show to change for another act? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes - name of other act(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**If more than one application is needed, feel free to make copies.**

Send applications to: Becky Freeman-Brauen  
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Wellsville, NY 14895

Or submit by email to: [melodymagicdj@yahoo.com](mailto:melodymagicdj@yahoo.com)