

2017 Fulton County Fair
Youth Talent Contest
Conducted by Zeta Omicron Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi

A Youth Talent Contest will be held **Saturday, July 22 in the Salem Civic Center at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. All contestants should arrive by 6:45 p.m.** Talent competition will be held between pageant competitions with the schedule determined by the number of entries. The winner of each category will represent Fulton County at the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest in October in Little Rock. New Rule for District Fair Youth Talent Contest – Any contestant except the winners of each category who participates in the county talent contest will be eligible to enter the North Central Arkansas District Fair Youth Talent Contest in September. Winners cannot enter the district competition since they will be representing Fulton County at the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent Contest.

Rules

1. There will be three age divisions in the Youth Talent Contest this year: Pre-Junior (age 5-9 years), Junior (age 10-15), and Senior (age 16-21). Ages are determined by the age of the opening day of the Arkansas State Fair (October 12, 2017). **Pre-Junior winners will not be eligible to compete in district and state competitions.**
2. Contestants must not be or never have been married or have had children. Contestants must be residents of Fulton County or attend an academic school in Fulton County. Contestants may only enter one county fair talent contest in a calendar year.
3. Contestants must compete in the county they legally reside in for six months immediately preceding the county contest or must be a full-time student who has attended school in the county for one full semester immediately preceding the county contest (January-May 2017). In the event a contestants parents are divorced and live in separate counties, and reside jointly with both parents, the contestant can only compete in one of the two counties in which the contestant;s parents reside.
4. No one contestant will be permitted to enter in more than two categories.
5. In the event a County winner is unable to compete in the State Contest, the County Contest Directors can send a runner-up to represent their county. If the runner-up is entering the state contest they cannot enter the district contest.
6. Contestants must use the same musical selection and dance choreography that they used at the County Contest or District Contest.
7. Any act must not exceed the **3 minute time limit** including the recording introductory music
8. Instrumentalists should bring their own instruments. There **will not** be a piano available. If an accompanist is required, contestants must make their own arrangements. If the act requires a CD player, contestant must provide their own CD. The CD should identified with the name of the contestant and song and have only one track on it and should be cued and ready to play and given to the sound person upon arrival. It is recommended that a second tape be available in case of an emergency. **Music cannot be on a phone, IPod, or MP3 player.**

9. All talent competition numbers must not be more than 3 minutes in length. Dress is optional and contestants are free to choose what they desire to wear while performing. Any inappropriate lyrics of a song in the vocal and variety categories or inappropriate moves in the dance and variety categories will result in immediate disqualification. The contest directors have the right to interrupt a performance if it is not deemed suitable for the Youth Talent Competition.
10. No decorative or background props of any kind will be allowed. If a prop is used, it must be a functional part of the contestant's act.
11. Categories are: Vocal Solo, Vocal Group, Dance Solo, Dance Group, Instrumental Solo and Variety. Variety acts cannot have more than 12 people. Acts in which multiple talents are displayed should be in the Variety Category. Acts that qualify for the Variety Category are song and dance, vocal and live instrumental, lip sync, pantomimes, impersonations, skits, juggling, ventriloquism, magic, gymnastics (be sure to check stage dimensions), karate, cheerleading, or other talent that does not fit in the other categories.
12. Rosettes and ribbons will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category.
13. An entry fee of \$10.00 will be charged for each entry. This fee must be received by the Fulton County Fair with the entry form. Contestants can mail the application and the entry fee to the Fulton County Fair Association, Post Office Box 910, Salem, AR 72576 or leaving it at one of the business locations listed below. **Deadline for entry is July 15, 2017. Entry fees can be paid with a credit card by calling the Fulton County Fair Office at 870-895-5565. The entry form can be scanned and emailed to fultoncountyfair1@gmail.com.**
14. The directors of the County Talent Contests and Fulton County Fair Management reserves the right to interpret the above rules and arbitrarily settle all disputes and questions. Any contestant who refuses to abide by the above rules will be disqualified by the contest directors.
15. Judges will be appointed by Zeta Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and the judges decision will be final. Judges scores and critiques are confidential and will not be disclosed. Acts will be judged on talent, appearance, preparedness and entertainment value.

For more information on the Youth Talent Contest contact a member of Zeta Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi or the Fulton County Fair Office.

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Entry Form

Complete and return with entry fee to Fulton County Fair Association, Post Office Box 910, Salem, AR
72576 by
JULY 15, 2017

Entry Form

Please Print or Type Entry Form

Please check Category: Vocal Solo _____ Vocal Group _____ Instrumental Solo _____ Dance
Solo _____ Dance Group _____ Variety _____

Name of Act if a Group: _____

If instrumental or vocal, what is the name of the song? _____

Contestant Name: _____ **Age** _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Contestant Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Contestant Name: _____ **Age** _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Contestant Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Contestant Name: _____ **Age** _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Contestant Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Contestant Name: _____ **Age** _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Contestant Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

(Attach Information for additional contestants on back or separate page)

Please give us some information about your talent experience (how long have you been singing, when did you join a dance group, are you involved in a school band, etc.) _____

When signing this form Contestants and Parents acknowledge they have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules of the Fulton County Fair Youth Talent Contest.

Signature of Adult Responsible for Contestant (s) if under 18 _____

Contact Information: Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Date _____

Return to Contest Directors by July 15, 2017.

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Fulton County Fair Association, Post Office Box 910, Salem, AR 72576
or turned in to a member of Zeta Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, or left at the Fulton County
Fair Office, SABCO Insurance, George Thomas CPA Office, Fulton County Farm Bureau, and
Fulton County Assessor's Office in Salem or at Mammoth Spring Bank in Mammoth Spring.***