

## Ford County Fair Talent Contest Show Rules

The Ford County Fair will be hosting a talent show on Wednesday, July 6 at 7p.m. in Melvin, Illinois. The talent show will be held in the dance building. There will be two age divisions. The winner of each division will represent Ford County in Springfield at the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs Convention in January, 2012. The Ford County Fair will pay the \$75 entry fee to sponsor the winners of this competition.

### Rules of the Contest:

1. The contest is open to anyone 21 years of age or younger. You do not have to live in Ford County to participate.
2. Jr. division contestants must be 14 years of age or under by July 6, 2011. Sr. division contestants must be between 14 years of age and 21 years of age by July 6, 2011.
3. A person can only enter in one event. They may not enter in a solo or duet in the same age division.
4. There will be a panel of judges and their decision will be final. Interpretation of the rules will be determined by the talent show committee.
5. Each act will be judged in the following six categories. A perfect score is 100.  

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| <b>Costume</b>          | <b>= 10 points</b> | <b>Stage Presentation</b> | <b>= 30 points</b> |
| <b>Audience Contact</b> | <b>= 10 points</b> | <b>Ability</b>            | <b>= 50 points</b> |
6. Any act that goes over the four minute performance time limit will be disqualified.
7. No voices, synthesized voices of vocal utterances are allowed on any taped accompaniment used by any vocal act. No taps or tap effects are allowed on a taped recording used by a dancer. In an instrumental solo, the accompaniment allowed is a live or taped acoustical piano. In piano solos, no accompaniment allowed. In the use of any electronic keyboard, the contestant must create all sounds live on stage. CD's may be reviewed by the committee or judges to be sure no additional voices, instruments or taps are prerecorded.
8. There will be a piano furnished.
9. **Entry fee of \$5 must be sent with entry form.**
10. Winners will win \$100 for first, \$60 for second, \$40 for third.
11. Entry deadline is June 17, 2011.
12. A process of elimination will be held on June 28, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Community Hall, Main Street, Melvin, if number of entries warrant. Acts must be performed exactly as they will be at the finals. This includes the costumes worn by performers or accompaniment or accompanist used. Substitution of performers or accompaniment will not be allowed at the finals.
13. **CD's must be cued ready to perform. Contestants must provide a 4x6 card with the act and name of the music, and personal information, parents name, school, year in school and hobbies.**

**For more information, contact:** JoAnn Althouse, 209 N. Crossley, Melvin, IL 60952, (217) 388-2818; or e-mail the Fair at [fordcofair@hotmail.com](mailto:fordcofair@hotmail.com)

## 2011 Ford County Fair Talent Show Entry Form

Name of contestant or group \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

| Name(s) of group member(s) | Age | Birthdate |
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### Type of Performance:

Vocal Solo

Vocal Duet

Vocal Group

Instrumental Solo

Instrumental Duet

Instrumental Group

**Kind(s) of Instrument(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Dance Solo

Tap

Contemporary

Ballet

Modern

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Deadline is June 17, 2011**

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