



2018 Benton County Fair Amateur Talent Contest



County of Residence _____ Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Contact Address _____

Email Address: _____ Group Name _____

Number of persons in act _____ Names and ages of participants _____

Title of Music _____ Describe Talent _____

Act will need to use (check one) Tape Deck CD Player # of mics * Sound system provided* No piano provided*

Act will compete in the (check one): Pre-Teen Division (Ages 12 and under) Teen Division (Ages 13 through 18)
 Open Division (Any age) Any contestant regardless of age may choose to complete in the Open Division

Day you wish to perform (1st and 2nd choice): Thursday, August 2 or Friday, August 3

Registration forms may be emailed to: Bentonfair@aol.com or mailed to: Benton County Fair, PO Box 118, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Contest will be held on the Cottonwood Stage at 7:00 pm Thursday and Friday. The top act in each division from each night, plus the highest second from each night will compete in the finals on Saturday, August 4 at 7:00 pm on the Cottonwood Stage. Cash prizes will be awarded on Saturday evening.

Prizes are as follows:	Pre-Teen Division	Teen Division	Open Division
	1st - \$75.00	1st - \$100.00	1st - \$150.00
	2nd - 50.00	2nd - 75.00	2nd - 100.00
	3rd - 25.00	3rd - 50.00	3rd - 50.00
	4th - 15.00	4th - 25.00	4th - 25.00

Benton County may send the winner in each division to the State Fair Amateur Talent Contest. Judges' decisions will be final regarding act sent to the State Fair Contest. I acknowledge that I have read the entry rules below and agree to abide by them.

Signature of contact person _____ Date _____

ENTRY RULES - PLEASE DETACH AND KEEP FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. The contest is open to all amateur entertainers from Benton, Sherburne or Stearns counties only. Professionals (union musicians or those whose talent is a principal source of income) are not permitted to enter.
2. Acts that have participated in the past may compete again, with the exception of winners who went on to participate in the State Fair Contest.
3. Time limit is four minutes. A medley of tunes is allowed with the four minutes. **Piano will not be furnished.**
4. Vocalists may use taped accompaniment provided tape contains musical accompaniment only. **ABSOLUTELY** no back up vocals are allowed on tape.
5. The program each evening will be limited to twelve acts. All members of a group must be of correct age/county.
6. Judges will assess talent, stage presence, quality of performance, choice of selection, entertainment value and time limit.
7. All entries not guaranteed slot. Line-up will be based on a wide variety of talents each night.