



2011 Isanti County Fair Talent Contest

Rules and Information

Based on MN State Fair Rules and Regulations

SUNDAY, JULY 24th, 2011 - 3PM

Bandshell

Divisions and Awards:

Pre-teen -age 12 and under; Teen-ages 13 – 18; Open - all ages.

1st Place each division – \$100 plus plaque and chance to compete at the

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2nd place each division - \$50 plus plaque 3rd place each division - \$25 and plaque.

Entries and Times: Entry fee is \$10.00 and is by advance registration only on a first come basis. All entries must be received no later than July 13th. Entry is open to anyone, however Isanti County and adjoining county residents will be accepted first. First place winners will agree to represent the County of Isanti at the MN State Fair competition. Isanti County Fair reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry. Competition will begin promptly at 3 pm Sunday, July 24th. Check-in time is 2:30 – 2:50. Please allow yourself plenty of time for check-in and any questions.

Accompaniment: The Isanti County Fair will provide microphones and compact disc player and sound system. Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment only. Absolutely NO vocals are allowed on the recording. Any vocal contestant using accompaniment recording with vocals of any kind will be disqualified. Those contestants using CD's, please have them labeled and ready for the sound person – queued and ready to play. If you are using a "self-made" CD, please bring a back-up with you, just in case. (If you need assistance with your accompaniment, you can try the following sources: Priddus Music, 1-800-326-3062; Groth Music, 952-884-4772; Pro-Sing – CD's only 1-800-776-7464; or Total Karaoke, 1-800-696-5338.)

Equipment: No personal vehicles will be allowed inside the grounds and any unauthorized vehicles inside gate will be towed. You will be responsible to transport any equipment needed from the parking lot to the Bandshell. If you have a band or heavy equipment, arrangements can be made prior to the competition with the Talent coordinator and Fair office for authorization. Assistance will be provided if needed. Two one-day passes will be provided to each contestant for entrance to the Grounds on Sunday.

Time limit: Four minutes will be allowed for all contestants and points will be deducted for contestants going over that limit. Musical groups and vocalists are allowed to perform a medley of tunes, but must remain within the 4 minute limit. Please provide your accompaniment to the sound person when the contestant before you begins to perform. (Please DO NOT walk in front of the performer already on stage.)

Past Winners: If a contestant has previously won a division at the Isanti County Fair, they may not compete again in that division. With the exception of the first place winners in the Open Division; acts that have participated in the past are welcome to compete again. Former Teen Division first place winners will be required to compete in the Open Division. Past Preteen first place winners must also compete in the Open Division if they are not of age to compete in the Teen Division. Previous Open Class first place winners are eligible to compete again in the Open Class Division, provided they did not win first place at the MN State Fair. These rules are set by the MN State Fair Talent Contest.

PLEASE NOTE: Contestants who compete and win 1st place in multiple counties, and choose to represent a county other than Isanti at the Minnesota State Fair, will forfeit their Isanti County Award money.

DANCE STUDIO CONTESTANTS: Contestants who are students of a Dance Studio will be limited to a combined total of 3 entries for the entire Talent Show whether individual or group.

Judging: Contestants in all classes will be judged on Quality of Performance, Stage Presence, Entertainment Value, and Choice of Selection. Judges decisions will be final and scores with comments will be released to the contestants. Remember the following:

1. Cuteness doesn't always equal talent
2. Audience input helps, but does not sway the judges
3. The judges are choosing the most qualified contestant to win – One who will represent the County of Isanti well and could win it all at the State Fair.

Any interference by competitors or anyone present at competition, to influence or dictate the judges in this contest will result in disqualification, with forfeiture of any awards and/or prize money. No harassment of Talent Contest officials, judges, or other competitors will be allowed.

Winners: Following the announcement of the winners; winning contestants will be asked to provide their Social Security number and fill out the winner sheet that will be forwarded to the MN State Fair Office. First place winners will agree to represent the County of Isanti at the MN State Fair Talent Contest to be able to claim award and prize money. Contestants for the State Fair Competition will be scheduled on a first come/first serve basis. When the State Fair schedules your winning act, they will take precaution to work around the dates that are convenient for you, in addition to working around your selection to avoid duplication of songs, music, etc. Therefore, your appearance date at the MN State Fair Competition may not be changed, once you have filled out the sheet. The MSF Talent Contest Coordinator will send you a confirmation letter indicating the date you will perform.

Please be sure that you have read and understand all the rules – If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Joanne Ploetz, 651-270-3671; 651-674-8137 or LofgrenT@aol.com.