

GENERAL RULES
2017 GRUNDY COUNTY FAIR TALENT CONTEST
Sponsored by WCSJ/WJDK
Saturday, July 1 – 12 PM

1. The Grundy County Fair Talent Show will adhere to the rules of the 2017 Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs State Talent Contest.
2. Age limits each division
 - A. Junior Division: All contestants can be 14 years old or younger on the day and date of the local contest. Junior division contestants can be 15 years old when competing at the State Level in January, if they have met the age requirements of their local contest
 - B. Senior Division: Contestants cannot be over 21 years of age on the day and date of the local contest. Senior division contestants can be 22 years old when competing at the State Level in January, if they have met the age requirements of their local contest
 - C. If the act is a group act, the age of the OLDEST contestant in the group determines the division the act competes in.
 - D. A Junior Division contestant at the State Contest cannot return to the State Level Junior Division again. A previous Junior Division contestant can compete at the State Contest in the Senior Division, providing the contestant is 15 years of age and under 22 years of age.
 - E. No Senior Division contestant can return to the State Contest as a participant.
 - F. In either division a contestant competing as a single can come back in a group or if in a group he or she can return as a single, one time.
3. All contestants must be residents of the State of Illinois.
4. Floor mikes are the only equipment furnished. All contestants must supply their own equipment, floor mats, lavalier mikes, etc.
5. There is a set-up time limit of three (3) minutes. This will be timed
6. Any act that goes over four (4) minutes performance time will be disqualified. An act begins when the master of ceremonies introduces the contestant and ends when the contestant exits the stage.
7. To lessen sound prop confusion, when using a cassette/CD taped accompaniment, only the song the contestant is using shall be on the cassette/CD. No like talent is allowed on the recording. i.e. Vocal, tap dancing, any like instrument, etc. This will be carefully monitored. Accompaniment tapes should not contain vocal and/or similar talent as being performed. (Example: CD / tape should not include a trumpet player playing the music if the performer is playing the trumpet). Vocal performers should have strictly instrumental backup tapes, no background vocal. Sound system and CD / tape deck provided.
8. Contestants must be of single marital status and never have been married.
9. All contestants may appear in only one act.
10. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place contestants in each division. Prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each division will be \$100, \$75 and \$50. The Grundy County Fair board will also pay the entry fee for the state contest.
11. The winners of the Junior and Senior Divisions are expected to compete in Springfield in January of 2018 at the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs Convention. Upon acceptance of check and trophy the winning contestant agrees to compete and represent Grundy County. Winning contestant shall forfeit prize money and trophy if contestant represents another county fair at state competition and state director shall be notified. In case the winning entry cannot appear in the state contest due to illness or other similar excusable reason, the talent director shall be notified and the first runner-up will be eligible for the state contest.
12. There will be a panel of judges and their decision shall be final. Judging of the performance will be based on 50 points.
APPEARANCE – 5 points, STAGE – 15 points, AUDIENCE APPEAL – 5 points, ABILITY – 25 points
 An independent auditor will individually audit all scorecards.
13. No professional act or entertainer will be eligible.
14. Entries must be registered with the director of the talent contest by June 24, 2017. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.

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2017 TALENT CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

Mail Entries To: **Angela Baumeister**
800 JoAnn Dr.
Wilmington, IL. 60481

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
Angela Baumeister (815)258-7765
The Fair Office 815-942-5958

Entries from Professional Entertainers will not be accepted nor will they be allowed to perform in competition.

Junior Division: Senior Division: (Please Check Division Box) PLEASE PRINT ALL INFO

Name of Individual of Group – List Name(s) of Each Member of the Act and Age on JULY 01, 2017:			
Name of Contact Person:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Contact Phone Number: Home:		Cell:	
Type of Act:			
Accompaniment:			