



# **Talent Competition**

## **Saturday September 13, 2025**

### **Deadline to enter September 8, 2025**

**How do I compete?** Read over the rules, then go to our website: [www.lonokecountyfair.com](http://www.lonokecountyfair.com), fill out the form, then mail in your \$25.00 entry fee. Contestants will receive a confirmation email of their entry once the entry fee has been received.

Next step: Show up and show out!

**Am I eligible?** - If you are a Lonoke County resident and have been for the past 6 months you have passed the first step to enter. Youth division 1 contestants must be 5-9 years old as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Youth division 2 must be 10-13 years old as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Junior Division contestants must be 14-17 years old by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Senior Division contestants are 18-23 years of October 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Adult Division consist of contestants aged 24 and older by October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a group comprised of different ages, the act must enter in the division applicable to the average age of the entire group.

Jr/Sr/Adult contestants must not have ever been convicted of a crime or have any criminal charges pending. Jr/Sr contestants must not have ever been married, divorced, or have had children.

### **Here are the categories to compete in:**

**Vocal Solo** shall consist only of a vocal performance by one vocalist. Self-accompaniment vocalists will be judged on vocals only.

**Vocal Group** shall consist of 2 and not more than 10 vocalists. No other talent may be performed. There will only be up to 3 microphones available.

**Dance solo** shall consist of one dancer. Not other talent may be displayed in conjunction with the dance performance. All types of dancing will be judged in this category – tap, jazz, ballet, folk, contemporary, ethnic, fad, etc. gymnastics, tumbling, acrobatics, or any other form of gymnastics is not allowed due to stage restrictions and liability.

**Dance Group** shall consist of two and not more than 12 dancers. No other talent may be displayed in conjunction with the dance performance. The same rule listed under dance solo apply.

**Variety** shall consist of a performance of one and no more than 10 people. Variety is intended to provide a proper showcase of those acts in which multiple talents are displayed no act may include a drum set, swords, open flames, or any form of flammable liquid.

**Instrumental solo** shall consist of an instrumental performance without vocal utterance by one performer. Tape accompaniment may be used. Contestants are highly encouraged to memorize their performance rather than using sheet music while performing. We will not furnish a music stand or keyboard.

**Time Limits:** each act should be not more than 3 minutes long, no exceptions.

Musical accompaniment: music will only be accepted on a USB drive and must be clearly labeled with contestant's name. there should only be the act you are performing on this USB

drive. No phones, iPod or iPad will be used. No fading or stopping of the music will be allowed if you are digitally playing your music. We do not provide instruments please bring anything you may need.

**Can I bring a prop?** Props are highly discouraged due to time constraints. If you use/need one, we highly suggest it must be used as a functional part of your act.

### **What are the performances judged on?**

Scoring: 100 points total (County/Districts/ Regional/State)

Talent 1-50

Showmanship 1-25

Appearance 1-15

Preparedness 1-10

Any inappropriate lyrics or moves in the performance will result in immediate disqualification.

The Lonoke County Fair staff have the right to interrupt a performance if it is not deemed suitable for the Lonoke County Fair competition.

Rehearsal? Rehearsals will be held on Thursday September 11th and Friday September 12th at 7pm. You do not have to be at both. We offer two opportunities, so everyone has equal chance to practice in case they have ball games or other extracurricular activities. It is highly encouraged for you to attend at least one of the rehearsals as this is when we will have any last-minute information for you and can answer any questions you may have.

**Check in:** Check in will begin at 2:00. Show will begin at 3:00. Check in will be in the dressing room. If a male needs to enter to sign in he must send a female in first to make sure all the girls are dressed.

**Awards:** Awards will be given per division. There will be one Grand Champion awarded, this is the person or group with the highest score overall. Youth divisions 1 and 2 are not required to win or place to compete at the Arkansas State Fair Youth Talent however, All First-place winners and Grand Champion winner ages 14 and over will be invited and encouraged to compete at the Arkansas State Fair competition free of charge. All others are invited to enter the ASF competition at large for a \$100 entry fee.

Talent entries can find the information and entry forms for the Arkansas State Fair competition at [www.arkansasstatefair.com](http://www.arkansasstatefair.com). You will have one week after the county competition to get your entry in.

The Lonoke County Executive Director and or Lonoke County Fair Management of the Lonoke County Fair Queen Pageant reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the competition and the right to amend or add to these rules as their judgment may determine. Any contestant who fails to abide by any of the above rules or any rules/statement given orally may be disqualified from the competition by the Lonoke County Fair Pageant Executive Director and or Lonoke County Fair Management or Fair Board.

Lonoke County Fair Association is not responsible for lost stolen or damaged items or items left in the dressing room or any other areas of the pageant and talent competitions.

## Tentative Schedule

8:00	Check in begins for 11 and under
8:30	Deadline for photogenic to be turned in
9:00	Pageant begins 0-11 years old
11:30ish-12:45	Lunch
1:00	Check in for 12 and up pageant
1:30	Interviews for pageant 14 years and up
2:00	Check in for Talent show
3:00	Talent show
5:00	Pageant 12 years and up