



**Sampson County's Got Talent**  
**Contestant Application**

*Show Date: April 27, 2024 - 7:00pm*  
*Presented by the Sampson Arts Council*

First Name / Group Name		Last Name		Middle Name	
Mailing Address			Email Address		
City		State <b>North Carolina</b>		Zip Code	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Date of Birth Month ____ Day ____ Year ____		Age	

- Talent Information**
- Singer (soloist)    Group Singers / Band    Dance (soloist)    Dance (group)
- Instrument (if so, what instrument will you be playing \_\_\_\_\_ )    Comedy/Drama
- Other, please explain in detail below.

**MUST** list **song TITLE** and/or **NAME** of act \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a detailed description of your talent \_\_\_\_\_

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What equipment will you need? (contest will only supply sound equipment; you are responsible for all other Equipment/props needed) **subject to approval**

Microphone   Mic Stand   Baby Grand Piano   Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell Us About Yourself (Please answer all that apply)**

Have you ever won another talent show?  Yes  No If yes, what talent show was it?

Why should you win this talent show?

How did you hear about this talent show?

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

I agree not to hold the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center or any organization, facility employee, or board member associated with this event liable for any loss, injury, theft or otherwise occurring before, during or after participation in this event. I agree to abide by the *Sampson County's Got Talent* contest rules and decisions. I agree that I will not pursue legal action against the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center or the Sampson County Arts Council or any organization, facility employee, or board member associated with this event or its members in any form. I agree to allow my photo to be used in future *Sampson County's Got Talent* contest advertising/promotions. Furthermore, I agree to allow myself or my child to be videotaped or photographed during the show to be published by public media including but not limited to social media, local newspapers, and television.

Contestant Name (Please PRINT, unsigned applications will not be accepted)

Date

Contestant Signature (If under 18, parent or guardian signature)

Date

*\*Incomplete applications will not be accepted.\**

**For Office Use Only**

Entry fee received on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Paid by Cash

Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Money Order

Approved

Denied

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

(Certifying Official)

(Date)

Contestant # \_\_\_\_\_



**Sampson Arts Council's  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
“Sampson County’s Got Talent”  
Competition**

**Official Rules and Regulations**

The “Sampson County’s Got Talent” Talent Show will be held April 27, 2024, 7:00pm, at the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center, 414 Warsaw Rd. in Clinton, NC.

The following is a list of rules that will govern the 2024 talent competition. All participants **MUST** adhere to the following rules! There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS!** All decisions of the talent committee and judges are **FINAL**.

1. All entries must be 10 years old or older as of the date of the competition. You must be a resident of Sampson County to participate. This is an amateur contest only. Professionals are not permitted to apply. You may apply as an individual or group (duo, trio, ect., 10 people max). Please provide a list of group participants with your application.
2. Talent performance may include singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, playing in a band or any combination of the above, comedy routine, poetic reading, etc. It is important to remember that **ALL** performances should be geared to **FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT** and that improper language or content in the act are **UNACCEPTABLE** and will be disqualified from the competition!
3. All applications and a **NON-refundable \$25.00** registration fee (paid by cash, money order, or check, made payable to the Sampson Arts Council) must be submitted to the Sampson Arts Council, attention: Kara Donatelli, Executive Director, 709 College Street, Clinton, NC 28328, by Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, by 5:00PM. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Forms and payment can be placed in the mailbox/lockbox on the office door.
4. Talent Show application and information on how to upload your talent video can be found on the Sampson Arts Council’s website [www.sampsonarts.net](http://www.sampsonarts.net) — Deadline to upload your talent video is Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, by 5:00PM.
5. The talent committee will review the videos and applicants chosen for the Talent Show will be notified by mid - March.
6. Applicants **MUST** adhere to the application submitted that describes their performance. Any deviation from the application will result in disqualification.
7. Talent Show performances are limited to 3.5 minutes. Talent Show contestants will supply their own music (CD only) with one song per CD. Singers must have only instrumental CDs **FREE** of lead vocals, all CDs must be performance ready. These rules will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED**.

8. Accompanists are permitted on stage, but must not assume visual importance in the performance.
9. Proper attire is an absolute **MUST!** All acts must be stage ready. Props and costumes will be viewed for appropriateness at the time of audition and dress rehearsal and **MUST NOT** be changed for the final performance.
10. All contestants must act responsibly and be on their best behavior at all times.
11. All contestants will be judged on the following criteria:
  - a. Talent
  - b. Audience & Aesthetic Appeal
  - c. Originality & Creativity
  - d. Skill Level

All decisions of the judges are **FINAL!**

Each contestant has the opportunity to win **ONE** of the following prizes:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place.....	\$1000.00 Cash
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place.....	\$500.00 Cash
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place .....	\$250.00 Cash
People's Choice.....	\$100.00 Cash

Contestants chosen for the live show will participate in a **mandatory** publicity photo/video shoot, date to be determined.

Contestants will also participate in a **mandatory** dress rehearsal, date to be determined. Failure to appear at either event will result in **disqualification.**

If you have any questions, call the Sampson Arts Council at 910-596-2533.

**Please retain these rules and regulations for your reference.**