

# **2025 Garland County Fair Talent Competition**

Tuesday, September 9th @ 6pm

**PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 5:30pm**

## Age divisions:

The age of the contestant is their age on October 1st, 2025. This is a rule from the Arkansas State Fair.

Mini- 5-9 years (does NOT go to state, garland county only)

Youth- 10-13 years (goes to state)

Junior- 14-17 years (goes to state)

Senior- 18-23 years (goes to state)

**ALL ACTS ARE \$30 EACH**

## Competition Categories:

**EACH CONTESTANT IS ONLY ALLOWED TO ENTER ONE CATEGORY UNLESS YOU ARE COMPETING IN A GROUP AND A SOLO ACT**

**Vocal Solo-** a vocal performance by one person only. No other talent can be performed during this.

**Vocal Group-** a vocal performance by two or more (no more than 10). No other talent can be performed during this.

**Dance Solo-** a dance performance by one person only. No other talent can be performed during this. All types of dancing are allowed in this category. (tap, jazz, ballet, folk, contemporary, lyrical, hip hop, etc) NO acrobatics allowed.

**Dance Group-** a dance performance by two or more (no more than 12) dancers. No other talent can be performed during this. All types of dancing are allowed in this category. (tap, jazz, ballet, folk, contemporary, lyrical, hip hop, etc) NO acrobatics allowed.

**Variety-** one or more (no more than 10). This category is intended to showcase an act where multiple talents are shown in one performance. Acts that fit the description of any other category will not be allowed to compete in this category. Some qualifying acts are: juggling, ventriloquism, magic, sign language, comedy routines etc.

NO drums, beatboxing, paint, watercolor, swords, open flames or flammable liquid.

**Instrumental Solo-** an instrumental performance without vocal utterance by ONE performer.

**\*PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE SIZE OF THE STAGE AT THE GARLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS\***

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHOOSE THE CORRECT CATEGORY ON THE ENTRY FORM**

### Rules and Regulations:

- All contestants must be a legal resident of the state of Arkansas. Junior and Senior MUST reside in Garland County for at least 6 months prior to the contest. Youth is open.
- All contestants must have never been convicted of any crimes or have any criminal charges pending.
- Junior and Senior contestants can not or never have been married, divorced or have any children.
- In the event that the winner of the Junior or Senior division can not attend the Arkansas State Fair talent competition, the Director, Faith Castle, can send a runner up in their place.
- Group acts have to go off of the oldest age contestant. Younger contestants can age up with them but you can NOT age down.
- All acts have a time limit of 3 minutes. Exceeding 3 minutes will result in a 5 point deduction.
- NO decorative or background/backdrop props of any kind. If a prop is required, it must be used as a functional part of the contestant's act.
- Inappropriate behavior or language of any kind will not be tolerated. If there is an issue, it can lead to the contestant being disqualified.
- Any inappropriate songs, lyrics, or dancing will be disqualified immediately and will not be able to perform.

### JUDGING/SCORING:

100 points total

- Talent 50 points
- Showmanship/Entertainment 25 points
- Appearance 15 points
- Preparedness 10 points

The judges for the Garland County Talent Competition will be appointed by the Director. They will be qualified to judge a competition of this kind. Their decision will be final. NO score sheets will be given. Critiques from the judges are not allowed. In the event of a tie, the judges will break the tie based on the overall appeal of the acts.

**PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF ALL ACTS ON STAGE**

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\_\_\_\_\_ MINI \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR

## TALENT CATEGORIES: (ONLY ONE CATEGORY)

-if a contestant is competing in a group and solo, there needs to be a separate entry form for the group and the solo acts. These can NOT be combined in one entry.

\_\_\_\_\_ VOCAL SOLO      \_\_\_\_\_ DANCE SOLO      \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENTAL SOLO  
\_\_\_\_\_ VOCAL GROUP      \_\_\_\_\_ DANCE GROUP      \_\_\_\_\_ VARIETY

## DESCRIPTION OF ACT:

Dance: \_\_\_\_\_

Instruments: \_\_\_\_\_

Variety: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of act (group): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of song, music, etc: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTESTANT INFORMATION:

NAME	PHONE #	SCHOOL
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**Groups acts- SEE NEXT PAGE**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(PARENT/GUARDIAN IF CONTESTANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD)

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, the contestant/parent/guardian certifies that they have read, understand and agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of the Garland County Fair Talent Competition. Garland County Fair Grounds, Garland County Talent Competition, and the Director is not responsible for any loss, accident or injury from participating in this event. No refunds will be given for entry fees.

Photos and information from this event can be used on social media platforms and newspaper articles.

**Mail all entry forms and fees to:**  
**GARLAND COUNTY FAIR TALENT COMPETITION**  
**ATTN: FAITH CASTLE**  
**PO BOX 20317**  
**HOT SPRINGS, AR**  
**71903**

## **GROUP ACTS:**

### **CONTESTANT INFORMATION:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
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