

# State FFA Convention Talent Application



**Due February 1**

- You may access and complete the computer application template on the [www.okffa.org](http://www.okffa.org) Web site. Click on State Convention. Click on Applications. If using this application, please type or print clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicate's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

(8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12)

- Have you performed Talent at a previous State FFA Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you performed Talent at a previous National FFA Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Did you submit a state chorus application this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(If selected for both, this will help with placement during the convention.)
- Is your talent a solo or group act? ☐ Solo ☐ Group
- If your act is singing, please tell us the kind of music:

☐ Classical

☐ Popular

☐ Contemporary

☐ Rap

☐ Contemporary Christian

☐ Soft Rock

☐ Country

☐ Western

☐ Gospel

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Hard Rock

- If your act is singing, please list the songs in order you would prefer to sing and add the artist who covers that version, if applicable. For example: 1) Ring of Fire by Johnny Cash.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

- If your act is non-singing, please tell us the kind:

☐ Comedy

☐ Piano/Keyboard

☐ Dancing

☐ Trick Roping

☐ Instrumental \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Magic

- If your act is non-singing but musical, please list three of your favorite songs to play:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- If you will be using an instrument, or instruments, on stage as either a solo or group act, please describe in as much detail as possible the type of instrument(s), number of microphones, and the support you will need from our sound technicians.

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- A CD, flash drive or VHS videotape recording of your talent must accompany this application. Your talent application will not be considered without a recording. The recording will not be returned.
- One hundred percent official FFA dress is a requirement for the State Convention talent program. Exceptions must be approved by the State FFA Executive Secretary prior to the convention. The skirts for female FFA members may be no shorter than one inch above the knee and will be monitored closely. All male members selected for talent must be clean shaven. No beards, mustaches or the recently unshaven shadow look will be allowed.
- If selected to participate in the Oklahoma FFA Talent Program, my appearance will be such as to reflect credit on my home, my chapter, my school, my community, and my State Association. I promise to abide by the FFA Code of Ethics and the FFA Dress Code. I realize that I am representing more than 27,000 Oklahoma FFA members.
- Talent selection criteria will include audience appropriateness for the State FFA Convention. Mature themes that are not age-appropriate for students or families in attendance will not be selected. A song or act must not incorporate foul language, reference illegal drugs, provide overt sexual references, glorify alcohol or alcohol consumption, reference or promote violence or abuse, or incorporate racial or sexual slurs. To change an inappropriate word or partial lyric in a song or act is also not acceptable.
- Selected applicants will be notified on **www.okffa.org** by April 1.

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(Applicant's Signature)

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(Advisor's Signature)

**Suggestions from the talent selection committee** *(see next page).*

## ***Application and Recording must be sent together***



***Mail To:***

Kent Boggs  
FFA Executive Secretary  
Oklahoma Department of CareerTech  
1500 West Seventh Avenue  
Stillwater, OK 74074-4398

## **SUGGESTIONS FROM THE TALENT SELECTION COMMITTEE**

- If you are singing, do your best to record with high-quality equipment. While a recording studio is obviously the best option, it is not necessary. Just make sure the environment is quiet and the backing track is not too loud or soft. Having an auxiliary microphone is much better than letting your computer pick up the sound directly. A condenser microphone is best, but a dynamic microphone like you would find in an auditorium will do fine. You can purchase audio software or download one for free. A simple Google search of “home audio recording setup” will give you all you need to know.
- If you are singing, please record a sample of each song you wish to be selected to sing. For example, if you listed three songs on your application for consideration, record all three songs.
- We do take into account that our audience loves fun, upbeat and entertaining talent acts of all kinds. We desire to select a good mix.
- If you are performing a dance or nontraditional act, please keep in mind there is little time at the convention for set-up and in some of our venues not a great deal of space to move around. Unfortunately, we must take this into consideration.
- It is IMPERATIVE that you check and double check your CD, flash drive or other storage devices. Most formats (MP3, MP4, MOV, VLC and WAV) are fine and we will check each submission on multiple computers if one does not work. But if we can't read it, unfortunately we don't have time to contact you and will have to move on. A DVD-R is not suggested.
- All we have to go on is your typed application and the tryout CD. To that end, please put in the time and effort needed to make your audition the best it can be. We promise to put in the time and effort required to consider each audition carefully.