

**Bureau County Fair Talent Show Rules**  
**Talent Show – Saturday, August 22, 2015 1:00 p.m.**

**Rules**

- 1 There will be no tryouts or trying out the cassette/CD prior to show.
- 2 Contestants must report to hospitality tent 12:30 p.m. **Contestants should enter the fairgrounds through the East gate, weather permitting and report to the registration table. If not checked in, you will not be announced to go on stage.**
- 3 Each act will be limited to FOUR (4) minutes. If over 4 minutes the act will be disqualified. Contestant is not to give an introduction to their act. The MC will introduce their act. There are only 3 minutes between acts. You must be prepared.
- 4 No single act can reappear in a group act. Must be either single or group
- 5 Previous first place winner may return after two years
- 6 An act, which has tied for first place, may appear the next year
- 7 A member of a group, which received a first place the previous year, may appear as a single act the following year.
- 8 At the end of the show, each contestant must appear backstage in costume, in order of performance for a call back.
- 9 Each contestant will be responsible to have their cassette tape or CD backstage when checking in. 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 (ie) vocal, tap dancing, any like instrument, etc.
- 10 If a group has one person 15 years or older in their act, the act must compete in the Senior Division
- 11 Anyone who has qualified to go to State must give a definite commitment to the Superintendent of the Talent Show by September 12th or forfeit the opportunity to go to State. If the act does not attend, the second place winner in that division will be given the opportunity to go to State. If they cannot attend, the third place winners will be asked to attend the state competition.
- 12 Only one Junior and one Senior act may represent Bureau County at the State Competition in January in Springfield. The Junior act will perform on Saturday afternoon and the Senior contest will be in the evening.
- 13 The panel of judges' decisions are final.

**Age Limits**

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 meet the age requirements at the 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 meet the age requirements at the local contest.

C. 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.

D. No Senior division contestant can return to the State Contest as a participant.

E. If you have placed with another county OR have participated in Springfield the previous year, you are more than welcome to perform but please advise us in advance as no prize money will be awarded to you if you place at this show. Money will only be awarded to qualified acts.

Please mail entries to Bureau County Fair – Talent Show % Nancy Monier 23615 1750 E St, Walnut, IL 61376 by August 17<sup>th</sup>. For information call Nancy Monier at (815) 875-2176 . Performances will be scheduled by the date their entries are received. See [www.bureaucountyfair.com](http://www.bureaucountyfair.com) for information.

**Judging:**

- 1 Judging will be done by a panel of judges
- 2 Judging will be on the basis of 50 points broken down as follows
  - Costume 1-5 points
  - Audience Appeal 1-5 points
  - Stage Presentation 1-15 points
  - Ability 1-25 points
- 3 The act receiving the highest point total in each age division will receive \$50 plus a certificate suitable for framing. Second place winners in each division will receive \$25 plus a certificate. Third place will receive \$15 of each division.

**BUREAU COUNTY FAIR TALENT SHOW ENTRY BLANK  
TALENT SHOW – Saturday, Aug 29, 2015**

Please return your entries by August 24, 2015

Mail entry blank to: Bureau County Talent Show, % Nancy Monier  
23615 1750 E St, Walnut, IL 61376

Please include the **\$5.00** entry fee per participant.

Group/ Contestant name:

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Mailing address of contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of contact \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Division ( ) Senior Division ( ) \*\*

Type of Act \_\_\_\_\_

Song Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant(s)

Name Town Birth Date\*\* Age

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If additional contestants in group, please add to back.

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***No changes of selection of song after August 27, 2015***