

4-H's Got Talent - Rules

Open to Ohio 4-H Members Only

1. 4-H's Got Talent showcases the various talents of Ohio 4-H performers in music, theatre, dance, etc. It is open only to members of the Ohio 4-H Youth Development Program. The 4-H member must be enrolled and in good standing to participate.
2. **There will be no preliminary rounds for show qualification and participation. Contestants must submit a detailed act description (including lyrics where applicable) to the State 4-H Office by 11:59 pm July 17. The competition is open to 12 acts, which will be filled on a first-come first-served basis with approval from your county 4-H professional.** Participants register using the online registration at go.osu.edu/OH4HTalent, which must be received by July 17 at 11:59 p.m.
3. There is no entry fee.
4. Each contestant will receive one complimentary Ohio State Fair youth ticket admission.
5. Contestants are only allowed one entry in one category.
6. Contestants may perform as individuals or groups. Group size is limited to six participants. List all names on one application. All group participants must be 4-H members.
7. Members may choose from the following categories:
 - a. Vocal (solo, duet, ensemble)
 - b. Instrumental (solo, duet, ensemble)
 - c. Dance (tap, modern, ballet, hip hop, jazz, ballroom, etc.)
 - d. Miscellaneous (magic, poetry, juggling, etc.)
8. All categories are limited to six acts. If a category is full, applicants will be notified and have the option of choosing a different category.
9. The competition will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **August 6th, 2022** at the Ohio State Fair on the Lausche Youth Center stage.
10. Acts are limited to five minutes. Acts running over the time limit will be asked to stop, and have points deducted from their score.
11. Contestants must present themselves to the event coordinator 30 minutes prior to the show.
12. Acts containing fire, smoke, weapons, or smoke effects will not be allowed to perform.
13. Accompaniment will not be provided.
14. In the Vocal category, performers wishing to play will not be judged on instrumental ability, only their vocal talent. Vocalists may use a CD or upload their track through the online registration for accompaniment, but it may not have vocals on it. Tracks containing voices will not be allowed to be used.
 - a. Chosen songs must contain appropriate lyrics—no lewd or inappropriate language. Any performance containing inappropriate language will result in immediate disqualification from the competition. The member will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct. All costuming must be appropriate and in good taste.
 - b. Label your CD with you name and track number for identification. The State 4-H Office and the talent show coordinators are not responsible for any CD not picked up following the performance.

- c. In the Instrumental category, live or taped accompaniment is allowed, but the contestant's performance must be the main feature. Participants must provide their own instruments.
 - d. If using an electronic keyboard, no preprogrammed music is allowed. The contestant must create all sound live.
 - e. Musicians are responsible for bringing and setting up their own equipment. Event coordinators are not responsible if equipment does not work during the performance.
15. In the Vocal and/or Instrumental categories, any combination of vocal and/or instrumental performance will be accepted, including bands with or without vocals. In this case, the entry will only be adjudicated in the contestant's chosen category
16. In the Dance category, accompanists are permitted on the stage but must not assume visual importance in the performance.
17. 4-H is not responsible for theft, damage or injury of any kind, to persons or instruments, props, clothing etc. during, before, or after the performance.
18. 4-H has the right to use contestants' names and/or photo for any further publicity purposes.
19. Talent show coordinators reserve the right for the final decision on any matters pertaining to the 4-H's Got Talent competition, not covered in the rules.

If you have any questions or are struggling to register, please contact:

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Entries must be received by July 17, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

All adjudication will take place by a panel of judges. Scores are the sole property of the State 4-H Office and will not be released under any circumstances.

Judging Criteria

- Talent Mastery: What is the strength of talent? How well-prepared, organized?
- Originality/Creativity: Is it innovative, are props used well, etc.
- Delivery: Level of showmanship, attitude, entertainment value, confidence, etc.
- Time Limit: Within the five-minute limit?

Awards

- All participants will receive an Ohio State Fair participation ribbon.
- First, second place, and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category.
- The overall winner of the contest will receive a gift certificate to Shop 4-H.