

2008 CHISAGO COUNTY FAIR AMATEUR TALENT

Thursday, July 10 at 7 pm

The contest is open to Chisago County residents (*if a group, at least one member must be a Chisago County resident*) amateur entertainers. Professionals (*union musicians or those whose talent is a principal source of income*) are not permitted to enter. Anyone interested must submit an entry form along with a \$15 entry fee to Tim Holt, 14920 Lake Blvd., Center City, MN 55012, 651-257-9091, **before June 21**. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis with a goal total of 10 contestants. If a contestant has won the Chisago County Amateur Talent contest, they would not be allowed to compete in their winning division in that contest the following year.

(1) **Categories:** (Ages as of Contest Day) Accompanists, when not a part of the act, may be any age. In the case of a duet or group the age category will be determined by the oldest member.

a. Open: 19 and over (younger may choose to compete in this group)

b. Teen: 13-18 years

c. Pre-teen: 12 years and under

(2) **Facilities:** We will use an outdoor stage unless otherwise announced. Taped accompaniment may be used providing tape contains musical accompaniment only.

(3) **Sound Equipment:** A microphone system, cassette, and CD player will be available.

(4) **Performance Time:** The time limit is 4 minutes. Points will be marked off for contestants going overtime. Musical groups and vocalists are allowed to perform a medley of songs but must remain within the time limit.

(5) **Prizes:** a. Open: 1st Place - Trophy, \$50, State Fair 2nd Place - Trophy

b. Teen: 1st Place - Trophy, \$50, State Fair 2nd Place - Trophy

c. Pre-Teen: 1st Place - Trophy, \$50, State Fair 2nd Place - Trophy

(6) **Guidelines for Judges:** Judges will be evaluating on the following criteria: Audience appeal, content, performance, staging and costuming.

(7) No act will be allowed to add contestants. If contestants drop, the act may perform but will not be allowed to compete for prizes if the remaining members do not meet age rules listed in number one based on original registration.

(8) **Practice Session:** It is required that all contestants come to practice on the stage on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

A time limit of 10 minutes per contestant will be allowed. Audio equipment may not be available.

(9) Acts having a technical problem are asked to stop immediately and ask for assistance.

Name(s) Individual or Group Members _____

Age (of group oldest member) _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Entry Level (Select one with an X) Open _____ Teen _____ Pre-Teen _____

Type of Act _____

Enclosed entry fee of \$15.00 _____ Please send a check only made to Chisago County Ag Society