

Chisago County Fair
Amateur Talent Show

Yes, that's right. You bring the talent! Now is the time to let your talent shine. Singing, dancing, juggling, whatever your talent is, now is your chance to showcase that talent.

The Chisago County Fair Talent Show is open to all 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 Jaime Holmstrom, 45875 Galaxy Avenue, Harris, MN 55032 before July 10, 2025. Applications will be accepted on a first- come basis with a goal total of 20 contestants. If a contestant has won the Chisago County Amateur Talent contest, they would only be allowed to compete in the open division in that contest the following year. Open division winner is not eligible to compete at any level 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 oldest member will determine the age category.

- 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.

(3) Sound Equipment: A microphone system 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 Fair2nd Place- Trophy
- B. Teen:1st Place - Trophy, \$50, State Fair2nd Place- Trophy
- C. Pre-Teen:1st Place - Trophy, \$50, State Fair2nd Place- Trophy

(6) Guidelines for Judges: Judges will evaluate 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 Sunday at 10 a.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.

(10) Accompaniment: Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment ONLY; absolutely no vocals are allowed on the recording.

Name(s) Individual or Group

Members _____

Age (of groups oldest member) _____

Contact Person

Address

Home 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 made payable to the Chisago County Ag Society.