

MONROE COUNTY TALENT SHOW

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 • 6:00 P.M. • MONROE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS AREA
\$5 ADMISSION (CONTESTANTS ADMITTED FREE)

CHILDREN'S TALENT CONTEST • OPEN TALENT CONTEST (including KY State Fair Youth Talent Contest Preliminary)
Sponsored by the Monroe County Arts Council • Contact: Blanche Trimble — 270-427-7669

ENTRY INFORMATION:

There will be no advance registration of contestants except for bands and any other act requiring special arrangements (see rule 2 below). All other contestants must register the night of the contest (April 12) by 5:45 p.m.; registration begins at 5 p.m. Entry forms may be picked up in advance at the Tompkinsville News office, the Monroe County Extension office or the front office of each local school. They also can be found online at www.tompkinsvillemews.com

TIME LIMIT: Acts should run no longer than 4 minutes. Points will be subtracted from the overall score of acts running more than 4 minutes.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Contestants will be judged on natural ability, quality of performance, showmanship and audience appeal.

ENTERING MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY: See rule 7.

SOUND SYSTEM: A sound system for the contest, including ipod/laptop/CD playback, will be provided by the sponsors. Bands must use the sound system provided, although they may use their own personal amps.

RULES:

1. Instrumental accompaniment is allowed either live or on tracks. Accompaniment tapes without background vocals are preferred but not required; judges may subtract points if background vocals are distracting.
2. Advance registration, by 4 p.m. on April 11, is required for bands and any other acts requiring special stage arrangements (for example, acrobatic acts).
3. All acts (other than bands and acts requiring special stage arrangements, as explained in rule 2) MUST register by 5:45 p.m. night of contest (April 12), where entry forms will be available. Entry forms may be picked up in advance and handed in, along with the entry fee, at the MCHS Commons Area by 5:45 the night of the contest.
4. Bands must use their own instruments/drums and may use their own personal amps but must use the sound system provided. Bands MUST set up late Thursday afternoon (April 12) after school.
5. There will be no time available for practice before the contest. However, bands must complete their set up and sound checks on Friday afternoon prior to the contest.
6. A contestant may enter only once in any one category. Contestants may enter more than one category provided entry fee is paid for each category entered. However, such contestants must perform a different number or routine in each category entered. Children may enter the same category in both the Children's Contest and the Open Contest if they wish to do so, but must pay the entry fee for each contest entered and perform a different number or routine in each contest.
7. No one other than contestants and musical accompanists will be allowed in the stage area during the performance.
8. Age limitations in the youth and children's contests and residence limitation in the youth contest will be strictly observed. These limits do not apply to accompanists.
9. Decisions of the judges are final. Discourtesy to judges and/or contest officials will result in disqualification. Questions as to interpretation of rules will be resolved by the Monroe Arts Council committee responsible for the Talent Show. The Talent Show Committee reserves the right to assign contestants to what they believe to be the proper categories.
10. This contest is not open to professional entertainers. A professional is defined as anyone who is a union member, has a professional manager or booking agent, or whose principal and supporting income is derived from performing.
11. Variety categories include performances (by one or more persons) which do not fit within another category (dance, skits, monologue, pantomime, etc. are among the type of acts included in this category).

CHILDREN'S TALENT CONTEST

(Open to any child age 5-12 as of August 1, 2018)

ENTRY FEE: — \$5.00 PER ACT

CATEGORIES

- Vocal Solo, Female • Vocal Solo, Male • Vocal Group
- Variety (any act that does not fit in other categories)

AWARDS

First-, Second- and Third- place winners in each category receive trophies.

OPEN TALENT CONTEST

(No age or residence limits)

ENTRY FEE — \$10.00 PER ACT

CATEGORIES

- Vocal Solo, Male • Vocal Solo, Female • Vocal Group
- Instrumental Solo • Band • Variety (any other act)

AWARDS

First-, Second- and Third- place winners in each category receive trophies.

YOUTH TALENT CONTEST

Officially sanctioned preliminary for the
Kentucky State Fair Youth Talent Contest
(Coca-Cola Talent Classic)

From those entering the Open Contest, those eligible for the State Fair Youth Talent Contest also will be judged separately to select three acts to compete at the State Fair. Three alternate acts will be named in case any of the top three cannot go to the State Fair.

There is no separate entry fee for this contest. Entry fee for the Open Contest also covers entry to this contest for those eligible.

There will not be separate performances for this competition — judges will base their decision on performance during the Open Talent Contest. However, this is a separate contest using State Fair criteria. For this reason, rules, scoring and results may differ from those of the Open Talent competition. Eligible contestants will not be judged by categories, but all of those eligible will compete for the three State Fair representatives and three alternates.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for the State Fair contest, contestants must be between the ages of 13 and 21, as of Aug. 1, 2018, and must either live in Monroe County or have attended school in Monroe County during the 2017-2018 school year. Each member of an act must meet these qualifications, but these restrictions do not apply to accompanists.

AWARDS: The Monroe Arts Council will provide \$30 per act in travel reimbursement to each act that competes in the State Fair Talent Contest.

STATE RULES: Rules for the Monroe County Youth Talent Contest are not as strict as those of the State Fair contest, so contestants who qualify for the state contest may be asked to make changes in their act in order to comply with State Fair rules. Contestants may make changes in their act before the State Fair as long as the changes will not result in a change of category. An individual cannot be part of an act at the State Fair if he/she did not perform in the act at the preliminary contest.