

Jefferson County Fair

Dept Q – Amateur Talent

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See the Competitive Events Schedule on the Entries Page of our website to see when the entry forms and fees must be received; When the exhibit will be accepted at the department; and when the exhibit must be in place; and when the judging will take place.

The Jefferson County Agricultural Society and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County are not responsible for errors, omissions, or unpaid premiums after September 15. No exceptions.

GENERAL RULES

Entry blanks for the Amateur Talent Contest are found on the website under Entries. Mail completed forms to **Jefferson County Fair, Attn: Entry Clerk, PO Box 8003, Watertown, NY 13601**, or deliver in person to the Fair Office.

Talent competition will be held in the Exhibition Hall. Contestants should report to the talent registration desk 1 hour prior to the start of competition. All contestants must compete in the Preliminary Talent Contest to be eligible to compete in the Finals.

All contestants must live in Jefferson County. Contestants who audition in one county are not eligible to audition in another county. A contestant may perform a maximum of three times — ONE (1) solo and as a member of only TWO (2) other groups or 3 groups with NO solo. Bands are not eligible to compete. All decisions of judges will be final.

Time limit for each act must not exceed 5 minutes. If taped music is used, please provide own tape. A piano and sound system is provided by the Jefferson County Fair.

Each contestant will be competing for eligibility to represent the Jefferson County Fair at the New York State Fair Talent Showcase. A limited number of contestants who have performed AND placed in the Jefferson County Fair Talent Show will be provided a New York State Fair Showcase Entry Blank for completion. All decisions of the judges will be final.

The 50% rule will be strictly adhered to concerning groups. In a duo, if one contestant is 12 (on the date of the contest) and the other is 13 and over, they will compete in Section 2. In a group of three or larger, if 50% or more of the group is 13 and over, they will compete in Section 2.) All contestants must compete in the following designated age groups. No contestant age 13 will be allowed to compete in section 1.

All entries must be received by July 12, 2023 in the fair office.

TALENT CLASSES

Section 1
Age 5 – 12

Section 2
Ages 13 and over

See Fair Schedule for when competitions take place

1. Vocal - Solo
2. Vocal - Group
3. Instrumental - Solo
4. Instrumental - Group (No Bands)
5. Jazz Dance Routine
6. Tap Dance Routine
7. Ballet
8. Ballet/Lyrical
9. Any Other Act - Musical

Prize money will be awarded in each Section/Class as follows:

1st \$ 7.50 2nd \$ 5.00 3rd \$2.50

All finalist contestants from the preliminary competitions will compete for the following prize money.

1st: \$250 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$100

