

Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association

TALENT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

\$25 Entry Fee for Individual - \$45 for Group

DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 5, 2025,

at NOON in the Fair Office

Birth Certificate(s) must be included with entry form.
or they will not be accepted.

Please turn in Accompaniment USB with the Entry

<u>Category</u> <i>(Circle one)</i>	<u>Division</u> <i>(Circle one)</i>
Solo	Preschool (3-5) Children (6-9)
Group (Limit 4 per Group)	Junior (10-13) Senior (14-H.S. Sr.)

CONTEST DATE: Sunday, February 23, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____
(Individual or contact person for group act)

Address: _____ School: _____ County: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone #: (Home) _____

Parents' name: _____
(Please list as you would like listed in programs and papers)

Phone #: (work) _____

Performance Information:

Name of Person, Act or Group: _____

Type of Performance: _____
(Example: twirling, dancing, singing, gymnastics, etc.)

Names of group members: _____

(All group members must fill out their personal info, see page 2, **and** have a signed release form to participate)

Introduction (for entrance announcement): _____

Accompaniment music required. **YES / NO** (circle one) If YES, please have music on flash drive.

***** Accompaniment music must be on a flash drive (USB stick) and you can pick one up at the Fair Office if needed *****

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ACCOMPANIMENT USB's WITH THE ENTRY FORM

Number of Microphones required (max. of 4 available) _____ Number of Mic stands required: _____

What type of Props will you be using? _____

(Attach drawn Diagram of placement of props)

Any special information about act that may help in the setup: _____

MCFLA TALENT CONTEST GROUP PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

**** Each group member must fill out a release clause ****

Act or Group Name: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____
Address: _____ **School:** _____ **County:** _____
City/Zip: _____ **Phone #: (Home)** _____
Parents' Name: _____ **Phone #: Work** _____

(Please list as you would like listed in programs and papers)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____
Address: _____ **School:** _____ **County:** _____
City/Zip: _____ **Phone #: (Home)** _____
Parents' Name: _____ **Phone #: Work** _____

(Please list as you would like listed in programs and papers)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____
Address: _____ **School:** _____ **County:** _____
City/Zip: _____ **Phone #: (Home)** _____
Parents' Name: _____ **Phone #: Work** _____

(Please list as you would like listed in programs and papers)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____
Address: _____ **School:** _____ **County:** _____
City/Zip: _____ **Phone #: (Home)** _____
Parents' Name: _____ **Phone #: Work** _____

(Please list as you would like listed in programs and papers)

Alternate:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____
Address: _____ **School:** _____ **County:** _____
City/Zip: _____ **Phone #: (Home)** _____
Parents' Name: _____ **Phone #: Work** _____

(Please list as you would like listed in programs and papers)

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association
RELEASE FORM**

I, consent to my child _____ entering the *Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association's Talent Contest*. I authorize the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association to release any of the above information to the press. I understand that the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association will not supervise or be responsible for my child during contest activities and that it is my responsibility to supervise my child at all times and do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance of nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification to include all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions. I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

(Parent or Legal Guardian Signature)

(Date)

(Witness Signature)

(Date)

The Talent Contest is a presentation of young people ages three through High School Senior. This contest is divided into four divisions with two categories in each division. Awards will be given to the winner from each category in each division. There will be an Award Presentation following.

Age divisions:

Categories (for each age division):

- Pre-school** [ages three (3) through five (5)]
- Children** [ages six (6) through nine (9)]
- Junior** [ages ten (10) through thirteen (13)]
- Senior** [ages fourteen (14) through nineteen (19)]

- 1. **Solo**
- 2. **Group (Limit 4 per Group)**

REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Solo contestants must be a citizen of the United States, a current resident of Matagorda County and attend home school, private school, or public school for the current year in Matagorda County. Contestants in groups must be a citizen of the United States, a current resident of Matagorda County or attend home school, private school, or public school for the current year in Matagorda County or have at least one member from Matagorda County and other members being residents in surrounding counties.
- 2. All entry forms must be accompanied by a birth certificate (photocopies only) or they will not be accepted.
- 3. Contestants shall be allowed to participate in no more than two performances limited to one solo and or one group.
- 4. The length of a performance will be no longer than four (4) minutes. Performances over four (4) minutes will have ten (10) points per minute deducted with a maximum of 20 points.
- 5. If props or musical instruments are needed, performer must provide them along with a drawn diagram of placement of props.
- 6. Any act needing musical accompaniment must provide on a USB that can be picked up at the Fair Office with only the song that will be performed.
- 7. A maximum of 4 microphones will be available for performances.
- 8. Elaborate setups which require more than 2 minutes setup time will not be allowed. This will allow the show to move along smoothly and minimize the total show time.
- 9. The age limit in groups consisting of various ages will be determined by the oldest member to classify them under the appropriate division.
- 10. All winners are asked to stay until the end of the show for pictures to be taken by the official Fair photographer.
- 11. The decision of the out of county judges will be final.
- 12. Entry fee for solo will be \$25 (twenty-five dollars) and group will be \$45 (forty-five dollars).
- 13. All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair Entries must be submitted prior to judging and be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned ONLY if the protest is upheld. Once judging has commenced NO protests will be accepted. The Judges decision is final and not subject for protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen.