



★ *Regional Youth* ★

# *Talent Contest*

**CALLING ALL**

*Singers, Musicians, & Dancers ages 13-21!*

**QUALIFY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO COMPETE IN**

**THE ANNUAL**

**TENNESSEE VALLEY FAIR REGIONAL YOUTH TALENT CONTEST**

*Contestants must register and compete in one of the following area talent contests to qualify to compete in the Regional Youth Talent Contest at the Tennessee Valley Fair. First through Third place winners will be invited to the Tennessee Valley Fair to compete for the Regional Title!*

- 4-H Youth Talent Contest - Knoxville, TN • Greene County Fair - Greenville, TN •
- Appalachian Fair - Gray, TN • Knox Area Youth Talent Contest - Knoxville, TN •
- Jefferson County Fair - Jefferson City, TN • Sevier Co Fair - Sevierville, TN •

*When:* Saturday September 17th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

*Where:* The Pepsi Community Tent

*Who:* 1st through 3rd place winners at local area sanctioned contests

*\*All contestants must be registered by the deadline September 9, 2016*

## *Winners will Receive:*

### *1st Place*

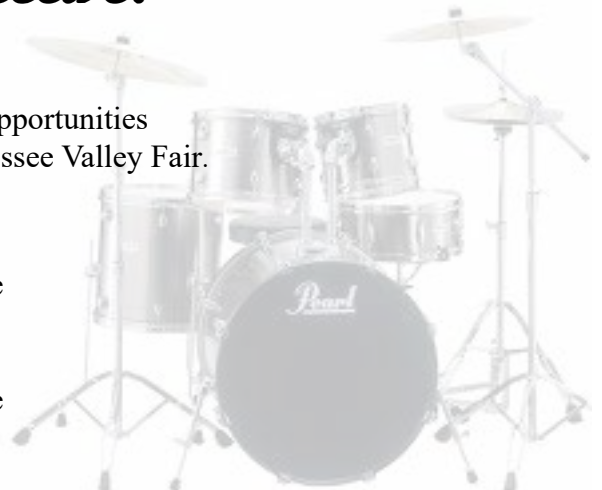
\$1,500, Plaque, and other opportunities for performances with the Tennessee Valley Fair.

### *2nd Place*

\$500 and Plaque

### *3rd Place*

\$300 and Plaque



**Tennessee Valley Fair  
Regional Youth Talent Contest  
Official Entry Form**

Please print or type all information.

Contest Invited From \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman of Contest \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Act \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Act \_\_\_\_\_

Type of accompaniment \_\_\_\_\_ Equipment Needs (mics, stands, long cord, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Information on each member of the act must be included. If you need more space, please use back of this sheet.

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Name:	Age:	Birth Date:	Phone:
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH of contestant(s) (i.e. school, background, hobbies, interest, etc.) If act contains more than one person, list information on each person on back of form. If act is a group, list background of group.

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I (we) have read the rules governing the Tennessee Valley Fair Regional Youth Talent Contest and agree to abide by them.

Signature of Contestant or Leader of Act \_\_\_\_\_

Send all contestant correspondence to: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Tennessee Valley Fair  
P. O. Box 6066  
Knoxville, TN 37914

*\*Please note, any act winning more than \$600 must provide their social security number upon receipt of check*

# 2016 TENNESSEE VALLEY FAIR

## Regional Youth Talent Contest Rules

1. Age limits are 13 through 21, inclusive, as of September 17, 2016.
2. This contest is not open to professionals. Professional is defined as anyone who is a union member, has a professional manager or whose principle and supporting income is derived from performing.
3. This contest is not open to baton twirlers or similar acts using batons or machetes. No fire will be allowed on the stage during this competition.
4. In any vocal category, instrumental accompaniment by the persons in the act or others is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would stand if the accompaniment were removed. **NO vocal utterance may be used accompaniment by contestants in any vocal category. NO VOCAL BACKGROUNDS ALLOWED ON CD'S/PHONES/MP3's.**
5. In an instrumental solo, live instrumental accompaniment is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be the solo performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for accompaniment.
6. In a band, no accompaniment is allowed. All performers must meet the age qualifications of the Tennessee Valley Fair Regional Youth Talent Contest.
7. In any dance category, accompanists are permitted on stage, but must not assume visual importance in the performance.
8. In a group act, all persons assuming visual importance in the act must meet the age qualifications of the Tennessee Valley Fair Regional Youth Talent Contest.
9. Any act may drop a member as listed on the entry form, but **MAY NOT ADD OR REPLACE** any member listed on the form.
10. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AN ACT SHOULD RUN NO MORE THAN 3 MINUTES AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES RUN MORE THAN 4 MINUTES. ANY ACT RUNNING MORE THAN 4 MINUTES **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.** THIS INCLUDES BANDS. AN OFFICAL TIMER WILL BE PRESENT AT THE CONTEST.
11. All contestants will use only the lighting system provided.
12. All contestants, excluding bands, will use only the sound system and the sound operator as provided. Bands may use their own amps.
13. All music for accompaniment must be on CD, Phone, or MP3 and be of the HIGHEST QUALITY. Please bring a backup Phone, CD, or MP3.
14. No teachers or parents will be allowed on stage during the contest.
15. Only one (1) person other than those visible on stage will be allowed backstage with each act. This includes all parents and teachers.
16. Contestants may make changes in their act prior to the Tennessee Valley Fair as long as those changes will not result in a change of category.
17. All preliminary contests must be held prior to September 12, 2016. Any exceptions must be approved by the Director of the Tennessee Valley Fair Regional Youth Talent Contest.
18. It is recommended that three judges be present at a preliminary sanctioned contest.
19. The Tennessee Valley Fair does not sanction recitals or talent divisions of beauty contests.
20. Each preliminary contest must have a minimum of ten (10) entrants.