

# TALENT SHOW 2026

Please review the rules and acknowledge acceptance

1. Residency requirements: If a group, the majority must be from Madison County
2. Ages: The 50% rule will be adhered to concerning groups. In a duo, if one contestant is 12 and under and the other is 13 and over, they will compete in Maxi. In a group of 3+ if 50% or more of the group is 13 and over, they will compete in the maxi division. No one over the age of 14 may perform in the Mini Division.
3. All entries must be entered on the official Madison County Fair Talent Show Entry form & must be received by July 11st.
4. All contestants to be judged on: Stage Presence 15 pts., Talent 55 pts., Interpretation 20 pts., and Audience Appeal 10 pts.
5. The top 5 acts, per NYS Fair Rules and if they are wanting to compete at the NYS Fair, must notify the superintendent prior to their performance.
6. Each contestant is allowed to participate a maximum of three times. Only one of these times may be as a solo. A participant may perform in two groups and one solo, or in three groups.
7. Each performance must be no more than five minutes in length.
8. No coaching of contestants from off stage allowed.
9. Professional conduct is expected from each performer, participant, parent, and teacher. Misconduct will result in forfeiture of prizes.
10. Contestants using recorded music must have it available on a device capable of using Bluetooth on the provided speaker.
11. A media release form must be signed or denied upon arrival before participation
12. PLEASE wear (or bring) your costume. WHATEVER you wear and perform at the county fair MUST be the exact same at the State Fair if you advance!

*There is no entry fee for this contest.*

**PREMIUMS:**

*1st - \$15, 2nd - \$10, 3rd - \$5 OVERALL WINNERS:*

*1st - \$30, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$10*

Signature acknowledging acceptance of rules:

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*Miranda McGrath  
Superintendent  
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**DIVISION 420 – MINI (12 years & under)****DIVISION 421 – MAXI (13 years & over)****Class:**

01. Mini Talent Contest – Tap
02. Mini Talent Contest - Vocal
03. Mini Talent Contest - Jazz
04. Mini Talent Contest – Acro Gym/Acro Jazz
05. Mini Talent Contest –Clog/Musical Comedy/Novelty
06. Mini Talent Contest – Piano/Instrumental
07. Mini Talent Contest – Ballet/Lyrical/Modern Tap

01. Maxi Talent Contest - Tap
02. Maxi Talent Contest - Vocal
03. Maxi Talent Contest - Jazz
04. Maxi Talent Contest - Acro Gym / Acro Jazz
05. Maxi Talent Contest - Clog / Musical Comedy / Novelty
06. Maxi Talent Contest - Piano / Instrumental
07. Maxi Talent Contest - Ballet / Lyrical / Modern Tap

**DIVISION 422 – SPECIAL TALENTS****Class:**

01. Any Age

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*Registration closes July 20, 2026*

## TALENT ENTRY FORM

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a resident of Madison County: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I will continue to participate in the NYS Talent Show if eligible.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if: \_\_\_\_\_ Solo or \_\_\_\_\_ Group

SONG NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please use an additional blank sheet if you need more space.*

MEDIA RELEASE

By checking this box, you certify that you are the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (contestant) and hereby agree that the Madison County Fair and the Madison County Fair Talent Show have the right to take photos, videos or digital recordings of you and/or your child and to use those in any and all media, now or hereafter known for the purposes of advertisements and promotions, banners, website, emails, mass mailing and online media. You also consent to have your name and/or your child's name and identity revealed therein or by description, text, or commentary. You waive any rights, claims, or interest you have to control the use of your identity or likeness in whatever media is used. The Madison County Fair and The Madison County Fair Talent Show are not responsible for any expense or liability incurred because of participation, including medical expenses due to any sickness or illness incurred as a result.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to the above

Please sign your full name on the line below to indicate your understanding of an agreement to the following: I hereby understand that the Madison County Fair and The Madison County Fair Talent Show and its partners and sponsors are not responsible for any accident or injury incurred at or during travel to and from the Talent Show and that there are no refunds or reimbursements. I understand that the judges' decisions are final.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Relationship)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

Thank you,  
The Madison County Fair