

Wirt County Fair Talent Show Friday August 3, 2018

All members have read the rules and by signing below that the terms of eligibility and all the contest rules are understood and accepted.

Name of Act _____ Number of Performers _____

Name Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

Address

City State Zip

Phone Cell Email

Do you require background music? YES NO (see section 2 in Contest Rules)

Round #1 Song Round #2 Song Round #3 Song

List other members of act:

2. _____
Name (print)

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

Address

City State Zip

Phone

3. _____
Name (print)

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

Address

City State Zip

Phone

4. _____
Name (print)

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

Address

City State Zip

Phone

5. _____
Name (print)

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

Address

City State Zip

Phone

ENTRY FEE \$20

make check payable to
Wirt County Fair Association

Please return your completed
application and entrance fee
to: Shep's Entertainment
2536 Palestine Road
Palestine, WV 26160

CONTEST RULES

1. Registration:

- Contestants must complete an entry form and return it with the \$20.00 registration fee.
- The contest is open to EVERYONE.
- Contestants may compete only once. (Group or solo).
- Group acts limited to five (5) members.
- The contest is limited to the first 20 entries.
- Contestants may pre-register by mailing their entry form & registration fee. If necessary, postmark date will be used to determine the order of entry.
- Pre-registered contestants must be in attendance by 6:30 p.m. to sign in. Entry fee must accompany all pre-registrations; you are not officially registered until the entry fee is paid.
- Day-of sign-up times begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue until the schedule is full. Entries will be accepted up to 6:30 p.m. sign-ups the day of competition. ONLY the first 20 contestant registrations will be accepted.

2. Performance:

- Each act entered in the contest must perform only with the personnel listed on the entry form. No personnel changes or substitutions will be permitted once the contest has begun. Once an individual withdraws, he/she cannot perform.
- Acts must be no longer than 3 minutes. (If act is longer than 3 minutes, prior approval must be received).
- Contestants must perform a different song for EACH round excluding the Finals. Contestants will not necessarily perform in the order they registered.
- Each act must perform live, vocally and/or instrumentally.
 - If singing to background tracks
 - Acts must provide recorded music of good quality with background vocals ONLY. Contestants using tracks with lead vocals will be disqualified.
 - CDs are strongly encouraged; however, cassettes cued to the beginning will be accepted. Other media, such as CD+Gs, Mini Discs, MP3s, iPods, etc., must be approved prior to registration.
 - Please clearly label music with contestant name, song name, track number or tape side, and play order (Round #1, Round #2, Round #3).
 - If performing with instrument(s)
 - Acts must provide their own instruments along with any amps, patch cables, etc.
 - DI boxes will be provided along with microphones for amps, drums, etc.
 - Setup/tear down must be quick as not to delay the contest.
 - Setups must be approved prior to registration.
- Contestants must conduct themselves in a respectable manner in regard to others and equipment at all times. All performances must be done in good taste: no music or lyrics that may be considered offensive

may be performed. Radio edit or “family friendly” performances ONLY. We reserve the right refuse a contestant to continue in the contest at any time.

- Microphones will have the same 'average' set effects and will not be able to be changed, only the volumes to the music changed to accommodate different volumes of songs. You will not be judged on equipment malfunction or other occurrences that are out of your control.
- Contestants may perform their own music and receive extra bonus points from the judge. Music eligible for bonus points will be defined as any piece of music written or co-written by the contestant. Any contestant who claims to be using their own music may be disqualified, if a musical copyright for the music exists which does not name the contestant as author or co-author.

3. Scoring:

- Round #1:
 - A panel of judges will award the acts 0-10 points in each of the following categories: 1) Vocal/instrumental ability; 2) Originality; 3) Stage presence; 4) Crowdreaction/participation; 5) Talent. An optional bonus of up to three points may be awarded for acts performing their own music.
 - The top (10) acts will move on to the second round.
 - Ties in the first round will not be resolved and both contestants will advance to the next round.
- Round #2:
 - A panel of judges will award the acts 0-10 points in each of the following categories: 1) Vocal/instrumental ability; 2) Originality; 3) Stage presence; 4) Crowdreaction/participation; 5) Talent. An optional bonus of up to three points may be awarded for acts performing their own music.
 - The top (5) acts move on to the third and final round.
 - Ties in the second round will not be resolved and both contestants will advance to the next round.
- Round #3:
 - After all (5) acts have performed their final song, audience voting will take place. Audience members will receive one ticket to vote for their favorite act.
 - In the event of a tie in the finals, the first tiebreaker shall be the highest combined score of Round 1 & Round 2 based on the judge’s scores. The second tiebreaker shall be by a secret vote of the judges based on overall performance.
- The decisions of the judges will be final. ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION will be released to anyone except the contest directors. (Score sheets will NOT be shared with contestants).

4. Prizes:

- 1st Place:
 - \$300 Check (all prize money sponsored by C&C Dodge Toyota)
 - 1 Song production from Merf Records
 - 1 hour photo session w/Megan Breanne Photography.
 - Opening act for next year's Wirt County Fair. *This is an opportunity for self-advertisement with no compensation. The slot will consist of no more than 15 minutes. Placement of the act will be determined by the Fair Board. Winner must contact Fair Board within 60 days of win to confirm his/her desire to participate in order to ensure a slot.*
- 2nd Place:
 - \$200 Check
- 3rd Place:
 - \$100 Check

5. Disclaimer:

- All rules of the contest will be strictly followed. We reserve the right to modify any contest rule if it is in the best interest of the contest.
- We may disclose your personal information to our sponsors, so that they may inform you of offers, promotions and services.
- The Fair Board is not responsible for lost articles. Contestants shall claim music, instruments, etc. at the stage area when the contest is over.