

# "Rising Stars"

Talent Competition  
*Official Registration Form*

Competition: **August 31st, 2016**, 1-7pm  
The Great Schaghticoke Fair, Schaghticoke, New York

**Entry Deadline: August 24, 2016**

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED RULES FOR REGISTRATION PROCEDURE  
AND/OR GENERAL COMPETITION RULES.

Mail To: Rising Stars Talent Competition, PO Box 118, South Bethlehem, NY 12161

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For information call: (518) 767-2744

NAME OF ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ACT: (i.e: vocalist, dancer, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

AGE CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_ Mini Hunt (Age 12 & under) \_\_\_\_\_ Talent Hunt (Age 13 & older) \*see rules

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN ACT: \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are using a CD or cassette for your performance, please list title of song and length:

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed 5 min)

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us a brief description of your act for introduction purposes:

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For scheduling purposes, please indicate any special requests concerning staging, props, etc. you may need:

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## “Rising Stars” MINI AND TALENT HUNT CONTEST – GENERAL RULES

1. Age limits are: Talent Hunt – 13 years of age and over. Mini Talent – 12 years of age and under (Age of each contestant as of 09/01/16)
2. The NYS Fair Talent showcase will accept up to, but no more than, the top 25 Mini, and up to but no more than the top 25 Talent Hunt acts from county level preliminary talent competitions.
3. The 50% rules will be strictly adhered to concerning groups. In a duo, if one contestant is 12 and under and the other is 13 and over, then they will compete in the Maxi Division. In a group of three or larger, if 50% or more of the group is 13 and over, they will compete in the Maxi division. **No contestant over the age of 14 may perform in a mini division group.**
4. **Time limit for each act must not exceed (5) minutes.** Any act running over (5) minutes will be disqualified. Acts will be timed.
5. **No acts using batons, machetes, or knives, etc.** will be accepted.
6. **No fire will be allowed on stage during the competition.**
7. Contestants must be strictly amateur. Performers or groups holding union cards are not eligible.
8. Contestants must not be/been under contract for reimbursement for their performance. Expense money should not be considered reimbursement for performance.
9. To be eligible for the NYS Fair Talent Showcase, contestants must have and performed AND placed in the top 25 in a County Fair Talent Show or County Talent Contest sanctioned by the NYS Fair. You must fill in the required information on the registration form. Again, please remember that contestants who audition in one county are not eligible to audition in another county. Contestants may represent one county only (groups and solos), and up to the Top 25 Mini and Top 25 Maxi winning acts will be allowed to enter the NYS Fair showcase. **SPECIAL NOTE: IN A GROUP SITUATION, IF ALL PERFORMERS DO NOT RESIDE IN THE SAME COUNTY, THE GROUP SHOULD COMPETE IN THE COUNTY THAT THE MAJORITY OF PERFORMERS RESIDE. AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUPS AS OUTLINED IN RULE NUMBER (1) ABOVE IS ALSO IN EFFECT.**
10. A contestant can perform a maximum of three times. (1) Solo and as a member of only (2) other groups or (3) groups with no solo. If this rule is violated, the contestant and the group will be disqualified.
11. This is a no rock band contest. No rock bands will be scheduled.
12. No entry fee is required. Admission ticket to the grounds must be purchased.
13. This is a variety competition including singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and novelty acts.
14. A professional sound system and CD/cassette player will be provided. All tapes must be cued to 3 seconds from start time and must be clearly marked with the name of the song, acts, and contact person/phone number. Prep time for singers/dancers/novelty is 3 minutes. Prep time for instrumentalists is 5 minutes or less.  
**Cassette/CD must contain only the selection to be performed on it.**
15. Applications will be selected on a first come basis. Those selected will be notified by mail or e-mail.
16. Any act notified to be scheduled that wishes to cancel must do so by August 25, 2013 so another act may be slotted.
17. Performers will be judged on skill, stage presence, originality/creativity, audience approval and applause.
18. Judges decisions will be final. In the event of a tie, highest scores in the following order will determine the winner: 1. Skill 2. Stage Presence 3. Originality/Creativity 4. Audience Approval/Applause.
19. Competition prizes to be as awarded as follows (for all age categories): **1<sup>st</sup> - \$100 and trophy 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$50 and trophy 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 and trophy**
20. Judges/ scores will be mailed after the fair is over, and ONLY to those contestants who supply us with a self-addressed stamped envelope PRIOR TO THE END OF THE FAIR. No requests received after the Schaghticoke Fair is over will be honored. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.