

MSF Talent Contest Judging Criteria

I. QUALITY OF PERFORMANCE

A. Talent

- Are they good at their talent, balanced against complexity of the performance?
- How was their talent compared to others in division? (IE: A four year old contestant sings very well for a four year old, but is competing in the Open division. How does her talent compare to others competing in the Open division?)
- For their specific discipline, how well did they perform the elements associated with that discipline?

B. Selection

- Did selection meet their ability?
- Was the selection too hard, too easy for that division?
- Appropriate for State Fair audience

II. STAGE PRESENCE

- Use of stage
- Use of microphone
- Comfort level on stage
- Did the contestant sell the piece to you?

III. ENTERTAINMENT VALUE

- Was this act entertaining?

OTHER:

- Cuteness doesn't always equal talent.
- Select the most qualified to win.
- Audience input helps, but should not sway the decision.
- As you choose the winner, select the contestant who is most qualified to win and could win it all.