



# Senior Citizen Talent Contest

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Heritage Park Stage

10:30 am Check-in

11:00 am Competition

Registration closes July 10, 2020

## Rules and Regulations

1. All entries in the Senior Citizen Talent Contest must have a participant that is 60 years of age or older. A group entry may consist of members under the age of 60 with at least one member being 60 years of age or older.
2. Entries will be accepted in the following categories:
  - a. Vocal Solo: Shall consist of a solo performance by a vocalist. Instrumental accompaniment by herself/himself or others is allowed but must assume the pure character of the accompaniment.
  - b. Vocal Group: Shall consist of a performance by two or more performers, one of which must be 60 years of age or older. Instrumental accompaniment by themselves or others is allowed but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. Any background vocal on tape must be minimal.
  - c. Instrumental Solo: Shall consist of a solo instrumental performance without vocal utterance. Accompaniment is allowed but must assume pure character of the accompaniment. The test shall be whether the solo performance could stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for accompaniment.
  - d. Instrumental Group: Shall consist of a group instrumental performance by two or more performers, one of which must be 60 years of age or older. Accompaniment is allowed but must assume pure character of the accompaniment. The test shall be whether the solo performance could

stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for accompaniment.

- e. Open Class: Shall consist of a solo or group performance and may include accompaniment. Some performances that would qualify under this category listing may include, (but are not limited to) dance, comedy routine, magic act, juggling, etc.
3. The coordinators of the Senior Citizen Talent Contest reserve the right to assign acts to what they determine to be the proper categories. Any questions shall be resolved by the coordinators of the Senior Citizen Talent Contest and their decision is final.
4. All acts shall be of quality nature. Any lewd or inappropriate acts will be immediately disqualified.
5. The Senior Citizen Talent Contest is open to non-professionals only. Professional is defined as anyone who has a professional manager or whose principal and/or self-supporting income is derived from performing.
6. A contestant may enter more than one category.
7. Registration is due by July 10, 2020.
8. Acts are limited to five minutes per act.
9. No fire will be allowed on the stage. Any attempt to circumvent this rule shall result in immediate disqualification.
10. All acts will use only the lighting and sound system provided by the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.
11. A piano will be available for use. All other instruments must be brought by the performers. All recorded music must be cued and ready for the sound operator to play and brought to the 10:30 check-in the day of the competition.
12. A final rule...have fun!!!

## **Awards presented in each category**

**First place: \$50**

**Second place: \$40**

**Third place: \$30**

**One overall people's choice award: \$50**

**Every contest participant will receive a free Dairy Bar ice cream coupon, yum!!**

## **Judging**

1. A panel of three individuals will serve as the judges during the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Citizen Talent Contest. Any decisions made by the judges will be final.
2. Scoring will be based on the following criteria:
  - a. Showmanship (confidence, eye contact, stage presence) – 15 points possible
  - b. Execution (technique, projection, audience appeal) – 15 points possible
  - c. Poise & Rhythm (timing, musical or talent skill) – 15 points possible
  - d. Presentation (neatness, appropriate attire for talent) – 5 points possible

Please contact Diane Wheatley with questions.

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## 2020 Senior Citizen's Talent Contest Registration Form

Contest: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 @ 11:00 am  
Heritage Park Stage

Name of act: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Category: (please circle)**

Vocal Solo   Vocal Group   Instrumental Solo   Instrumental Group   Open Class

**Description of act:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment needs:**

Check ALL that apply:

podium       keyboard       table  
 chair       stool       microphone with stand  
 hand-held microphone       extension cord

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring a CD or zip drive of music to be played    yes    no

**Name(s) of Contestant(s) / Address / Date of Birth**

(Attach list if needed)

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**Name of person in charge of act:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide any details or background information about yourself or group that you would like mentioned during your stage introduction. This could include, but not is limited to:

**How long have you been performing?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you first become interested in performing?**

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**Have you taken lessons pertaining to your talent? If so, what type?**

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**What led you to your specific talent selection?**

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**What are some of your hobbies besides the talent you'll share during this contest?**

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**Is there anything else you wish to share?**

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**Thank you for choosing to participate in the Senior Citizen Talent Contest!**

Please return completed entry form by July 10 to:

Elkhart County 4-H Fair Office, Attn: Diane Wheatley  
17746 C.R. 34  
Goshen, IN 46528  
Phone number: 574-533-3247

You may also email the form to [diane\\_wheatley@hotmail.com](mailto:diane_wheatley@hotmail.com)