

TALENT SHOW

1 PM-3:30 PM COMMUNITY TENT

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

Talent Contest Rules

The following rules and information apply to both the Jr. and Sr. talent competitions:

Stephenson County Fair Talent Competitions are open to any amateur entertainer or group living in Illinois.

This will be a judged competition. Judging decisions are final.

Entries may include any type of talent. "Lip-sync" or signing/sign language only are not talents. Signing/sign language may enhance a talent.

Acts must be four (4) minutes or less and set up must be no more than three (3) minutes in length.

A person may compete in more than one act in the same age group, if the talent is different.

Accompaniment music CANNOT contain any like talent (if singing and using a back-up track, there may not be any backup vocals)

Applicants may be asked to come to the fairgrounds for preliminary the weekend prior to the fair.

Registrations will remain open until all spots are filled.

State Contest: The first place winner will be eligible to represent Stephenson County at the State Talent competition in Springfield in January 2027. State contest rules will prevail and the winner, if interested in participating, will be responsible for all travel expenses. Entry fees will be covered by Stephenson County Fair.

AWARDS:

- Junior 1st = \$100
- Junior 2nd = \$75
- Junior 3rd = \$50

Awards:

- Senior 1st = \$100
- Senior 2nd = \$75
- Senior 3rd = \$50

JUDGING CATEGORIES:

- Costume:
 - 10 points
- Stage Presence:
 - 15 points
- Professionalism:
 - 10 points
- Execution of Act:
 - 15 points
- Total points possible:
 - 50 points

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SIGN UP FORM

SCAN ME

Skip the paper and sign up online



DESCRIPTION

Singing, dancing, guitarist, magic, etc.

NAME OF THE ACT

AGE DIVISION FOR THIS ENTRY

- Junior Division: 14 years of age or under by July 25, 2026
- Senior Division: Contestants 15 years of age up to age 21 by July 25, 2026 are eligible to participate

If you are performing to backing tracks, please bring your own device and speaker for it!

NUMBER OF PERFORMERS

**Contestants must all be within the age group competing*

LIST NAMES & AGES

*First Name, Last Name,
Age at July 25, 2026*

NAME (POINT OF CONTACT)

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS

SIGNATURES OF TALENT

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OF GUARDIAN (FOR UNDER 18)