

Coca-Cola Talent Preliminary Contest
Saturday, June 16th at 6:00 pm
Entry Fee: \$10 per act
Committee Member in Charge: Kim Barr
502-220-5789

Grand Prize winner will receive \$100
Second Place Overall will receive \$75
Third Place Overall will receive \$25
Gate admission fee must be paid – No passes

General Rules — DO ONE THING WELL

1. This competition is OPEN to residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky who are U.S. citizens. The winner will represent Shelby County at the state competition.
2. All Coca-Cola Division contestants must be at least 13 years of age and not more than 21 years of age as of August 1, 2018. This includes anyone assuming visual importance except piano accompanists.
3. This contest is not open to professionals. Professional is defined as anyone who is a union member, has a professional manager, booking agent or whose principal and supporting income is derived from performing.
4. Entries will be accepted in the following solo and group categories:
 - Vocal
 - Instrumental
 - Variety
 - Dance
 - Acrobatics/Gymnastics
5. Baton twirlers or similar acts using batons or machetes will not be accepted. No fire, smoke, or smoke effect will be allowed on the stage.
6. For contestants entered in any vocal category, accompaniment tracks with any background vocals are strictly prohibited. This includes recorded live voices and/or synthetically produced voices. Lip sync is not allowed.
7. There must be no taps or blatant tap effect on a taped recording used by a dancer.
8. In instrumental solo, the only accompaniment allowed is a live or taped acoustical piano. In piano solo, no accompaniment is allowed. In the use of electronic keyboard, the contestant must create all sound live on stage. For State Fair competition, special exception requests must be filed in writing prior to August 1, 2018.
9. A contestant may enter only once in any one category and may enter a total of two categories.
10. If a performer has won an invitation to the State Fair from a preliminary, he/she may not perform the same act or in the same category in another preliminary.
11. If a performer wins in two categories in the State Fair semi-finals, he/she must choose one of the two categories for his/her final performance.
12. Any act may drop a member as listed on the entry form, but MAY NOT ADD OR REPLACE any member listed on the form. An individual cannot be part of an act that is selected to compete at the State Fair if they did not perform in the preliminary and semi-final.
13. **ANY ACT RUNNING MORE THAN 4 MINUTES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.** An official timekeeper will be present. Timing begins with first word, note or movement and ends with last word, note or movement. This includes bows and/or encores.
14. All contestants will use only the lighting system as provided by the Fair.
15. All contestants will use only the sound system and sound operator as provided by the Franklin County Fair. You may use your own amps.
16. No teachers, parents or friends will be allowed on the stage during the competition.
17. Only one person other than those visible on the stage will be allowed backstage per act. This includes all parents, teachers and friends.
18. No member of a Grand Prize winning act may compete again in the same category.
19. Contestants may make changes in their act (song, music, choreography) before the State Fair if those changes **DO NOT** change the category.
20. The decision of the judges is final.
21. The contestant will be disqualified from the competition and forfeit any ribbons, plaques, trophies and prize money won for:
 - a. Any discourtesy to a judge or official of the Fair.
 - b. Any contestant, parent, teacher or friend who attempts to communicate with the judges before, during or after their adjudications.
22. All contestants, parents, teachers and friends are expected to abide by all rules and regulations of the Shelby County A & M Association.
23. All questions regarding entries, categories, rules or any other issues shall be determined by the Talent Showcase committee. Their decision is final.
24. **Entry deadline: June 10, 2018.**

Definitions of Categories

Vocal

Shall consist of a performance by a vocalist or vocalists. An instrumental accompaniment by the performer or others is allowed, but must assume the pure character of an accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No voice, voices, record or tape with any vocal background may be used for accompaniment. This includes recorded live voices and voices that are produced and recorded synthetically (i.e. synthesizers or digitally sampled). No lip-sync.

Instrumental Solo or Group

Shall consist of a solo or group instrumental performance without vocal utterance. In Instrumental Solo, the only accompaniment allowed is a live or taped acoustical piano. If the instrument is piano, no accompaniment is allowed. In the use of an electronic keyboard, the contestant must create all sounds live on stage.

Dance Solo and Ensemble Categories

Shall consist of a performance by a dancer or dancers. Accompanists are permitted on stage, but must not assume visual importance in the performance. Acrobatics or gymnastics will be judged in another category. Vocal performances will not be judged.

Acrobatic/Gymnastic Solo or Group

Shall consist of a solo or group performance. At least one-third of the performance must be acrobatics or gymnastics, but no more than two-thirds of the performance should be acrobatic or gymnastic movements. This should be a choreographed performance.

Variety

Shall consist of a performance by one or more persons. This category is intended to provide a proper showcase for those acts which are not listed in any other category, ex: ventriloquist, juggler or comedian. (A vocalist or vocal group accompanying themselves would not normally meet this test.) All persons assuming visual importance in the acts must meet the age qualification of: a. the Coca-Cola Talent Classic (i.e. 13 through 21). Assignment to this category is at the discretion of the State Fair. b. the Franklin County Fair Youth Talent Competition (i.e. 6 through 12). Assignment to this category is at the discretion of the Franklin County Fair & Horse Show. Performers who fit the description of another category may not appear in the Variety Category.