

Bill Riley 2019 Talent Search
Sponsored by Woodbury County REC
Superintendents

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The Woodbury County Fair will hold two complete Bill Riley Iowa State Fair Talent Searches. The contests will be on Thursday, August 1, at 7 PM and Saturday, August 3, at 7 PM. The competition will be in Flathers Hall on the fairgrounds in Moville. The search is divided into two divisions, Sprouts--Ages 2 through 12, and Seniors--ages 13 through 21. The winner of each division will be entitled to enter the competition at the Iowa State Fair. If the first place winner cannot attend the Iowa State Fair, the second place winner may compete.

Prizes in each division will be 1st--\$75; 2nd--\$50; and 3rd--\$25. A special prize of \$25 will be awarded to the highest placing Woodbury County resident in each division.

The following rules are specified by the State Fair Talent Search. We have no means for checking every rule the day of the contest, however, you will be disqualified at state if you break one, so make sure your act is within these rules before you come.

1. Show is open to legal residents of the state of Iowa only. Acts must appear in a locally sponsored/Iowa State Fair sanctioned show somewhere in the state of Iowa and be the show qualifier to be eligible to compete at the Iowa State Fair. Judges' decisions are final.
2. Sprouts: 2 through 12 years Seniors: 13 through 21 years
Seniors and Sprouts must qualify within the age requirement at local shows. For example, if you are 21 and don't qualify before you are 22, you are ineligible. All Sprout acts must qualify for the State Fair at the age of 12 or under.
3. A person's age for the Iowa State Fair competition is determined at the time they win a local show. A 12 year old (or 21 year old) could turn 13 (or 22) by State Fair and still be eligible in the Sprout (or Senior) division, as they met age requirements at the time of qualification.
This applies to individuals or anyone in a group who qualify at a local show at age 12 but turn 13 before the State Fair. If more than one performer in a group turns 13 before the State Fair, thus making the Sprout act have two or more 13 year olds, that act will automatically become a Senior act.
4. Professionals are NOT permitted to compete. This includes Union musicians and anyone whose principal income is from his/her talent. Compensation for performing at weddings, etc. does not constitute principle source of income.
5. Acts must keep the performance to three minutes. Acts timed past three minutes are subject to possible disqualification or point deduction. Five seconds over would be a starting point to begin deductions, ten seconds over or longer can be considered for disqualification. This will be at the judge's discretion and should be monitored carefully. There are two different timers at the state level so we are very serious about the three minute rule. Keep the act at three minutes, please. Set-up time is not included. Limit set-up time to one minute.
6. No more than five persons are allowed in an act. Piano accompanist is NOT included in an act and may be any age. No more than three accompanists permitted per act. Drums, amps, etc. are discouraged due to the one-minute set-up time. No combos, rock bands or similar musical groups permitted.
7. All acts must pre-register with the Talent Show Superintendent prior to the day of the talent show. Acts will need name, complete address, birth date, age, phone number (include area code), email, and type of talent. Multiple acts need one member to act as a contact person with all information going through them. Additional members of the act need only birth date, age, and town. Social security numbers are **not needed**.
8. Acts are asked to not dance onto or off the stage. After introductions, you may take any position you wish to begin your performance.
9. Vocalists can perform with an accompanist or CD/Ipod/USB flashdrive. Prerecorded tracks should be instrumental only. Any prerecorded track with backing vocals is not allowed, and the act will be disqualified.
10. Looping (typically seen in vocal or instrumental performances) is allowed as part of an act as long as each loop is performed live on stage. Previously recorded loops will not be allowed. Looping equipment must be provided by the contestant.
11. **Foul language is not allowed in the Bill Riley Talent Search. Acts performing to or singing pieces with inappropriate lyrics will be disqualified, and the show coordinator will encourage performers to compete with a different song.**
12. Contestants may only appear once in any given show. This applies to qualifying shows as well as the competition at the Iowa State Fair. They may not perform "solo" and then return in the same show in a duet or trio. Contestants are allowed to perform in different acts in different shows, but they may only qualify for the State Fair Show with one act. Once a performer has qualified for the State Fair, they are not allowed to perform in local shows as part of another act.
13. Only one qualifier from each division (Sprout and Senior) of a local show is permitted to advance to the Iowa State Fair. **NO TIES** are permitted in all placing.
14. **An act already qualified may not compete in this contest but may appear as entertainment during the judges' conference. (This is a Woodbury County rule. Since we are one of the last shows to qualify for the State Fair, this gives more people an opportunity to qualify.)**

Check-in Procedures:

Thursday, August 1, or Saturday, August 3, --Meet in Flathers Hall at the north bleachers around 6:30 PM. Tom Gerking or Kathy Clarkson will be there to check in the participants. (This event is sponsored by Woodbury County REC.)

The **general comment** section of the judge's ballots will be returned to participants at the conclusion of each show each night. The point value will remain with the judges.