



The Process:

Step 1 - APPLY

- Send in an Application Form with the application fee of \$10.00
- Arrive at 7:00pm at The Bandstand / Ross County Fair for the first night of competition on Monday August 10, 2009
- Application process and requirements must be met BEFORE the first night of competition on Monday August 10, 2009 at The BANDSTAND / Ross County Fair.

SAVE \$5.00 !!!!

Advance registration through the mail is recommended - Fee \$10.00 (if postmarked by Aug 1, 2009)

*** If you do not pre-register, you can still do so just before the competition on Monday night, but you must pay the full application fee of \$15.00.

Step 2 - Arrive at The Bandstand on Monday August 10, 2009

- There will be No Auditions - EVERYONE who signs up will perform on the first night on competition - Monday August 10, 2009. (some contestants will advance to the semi-finals on Tuesday night, however others will not)
- The "Ohio's Got Talent" competition will be held on:
 - Monday August 10, 2009 - The Bandstand / Ross County Fair (admission free) - 1st Night
 - Tuesday August 11, 2009 - The Bandstand / Ross County Fair (admission free) - Semi-Finals
 - Wednesday August 12, 2009 - The GRANDSTAND / Ross County Fair - Finals

Each night of the competition, a number of performers will advance to the next night and the others will be eliminated.

Judging:

- There will be a panel of 3 judges. The panel will judge all performances based on the following:
Talent • Professionalism • Presentation • Passion • Crowd Response
- All decisions by the judges will be final!!!
- Scores sheets are the property of Ohio's Got Talent and WILL NOT be available to the public or contestants.
- *Contestants will be judged on vocal clarity, intonation, musical passion, and stage presence.

Disqualifications: We reserve the right to disqualify and/or exclude any individual from the competition if any rules and regulations are not met. We also reserve the right to change the rules and procedures at any time if circumstances require us to do so. Participants will also be disqualified if any incorrect information is provided during the application process.

General Conditions: By participating, contestants agree to the terms and conditions of the contest and understand that all judging is final and binding.

We reserve the right to use your name, pictures, audio or video recordings for publicity and other purposes without compensation. All federal, state, and local laws apply. All participants and legal guardians agree to not pursue any legal claims against Ohio's Got Talent, The Ross County Fair, event sponsors, organizers and/or anyone associated with this event.



APPLICATION

Please check one below:

() age 1-17 (This application must be signed by a legal guardian)

() ages 18 & Over

Please Print:

Full name: _____ Stage Name: _____

Address (must be an Ohio Resident): _____

Email Address: _____

Age: _____ Main Contact # : _____ Best time to call: _____

Describe your Talent: _____

Describe any prior performance experience: _____

I do hereby agree to and understand the rules and regulations of the Ohio's Got Talent Competition:

Signature / Competitor or Legal Guardian Print name Date



RULES

- Anyone (regardless of age) is eligible and can participate
- All contestants will compete against each other (regardless of age)
- All Minors (17 yrs of age and below) MUST have their parent or legal guardian complete the "consent" section of the application form.
- All participants MUST turn in an application fee
- All participants MUST pay an application fee of \$15.00 OR \$10.00 if you register EARLY by mail
- All participants will perform on the first night of competition - there will be no audition prior to show
- There is no limit to how many individuals can perform as a group (dance group, cheerleaders, etc)
- Participants may perform solo or duo or small group, etc with an instrument or with a track AS LONG AS THEY CAN WALK ON STAGE AND PERFORM IMMEDIATELY.

~ ALL PARTICIPANTS must be able to walk onstage and perform immediately

~ There will be NO set-up time

~ There will be NO SOUND CHECKS

~ standard music BANDS with drums, guitar amps, keyboards, etc are NOT PERMITTED TO COMPETE due to the time it takes for them to set-up, sound check & tear down ... sorry, but this

PRIZES

Three Prizes will be awarded at The Finals on Wednesday night at The Grandstand

First Prize \$2000.00 Savings Bond

- plus Opens for Julianne Hough Concert on Oct 17, 2009 at Ohio University - Chillicothe!

Second Prize \$1000.00 Savings Bond

Third Prize \$ 500.00 Savings Bond

Competitor must be an Ohio Resident. One valid form of photo ID is required. This must show date of birth. If you are a minor and do not have a picture ID, a birth certificate must be shown at time of the first night of the competition or a copy of it sent with application if you chose to apply prior to the even. IF the contestant is under 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must complete the minor permission form by the day of the first night of the competition. NO EXCEPTIONS. Contestant is ineligible if he/she already has any type of talent representation recording contract. All sections/requirements of the Official Rules and Regulations must also be met in order to be eligible.

Performance Material: All participants who will be singing to a music track (ON CD ONLY) is required to provide their own CD in a case or sleeve for protection. The background audio CD provided for each night must not contain any lead vocals. Please make sure the CD is labeled properly with the name of the contestant, original artist's name and track title. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED--BRING A BACK-UP COPY OF EACH CD!!!

Applications and fees: In order to complete the application process, the following items must be properly completed and received before the audition:

- Application (all participants must complete).
- Minor permission section of application must be completed for anyone under the age of 18 by parent or legal guardian.
- Copy of photo ID (all participants must provide a copy of a photo ID that verifies age.) If photo ID does not have this information another form of ID will be required.
- Application fee: (non-refundable): \$10.00 per competitor IF the application is postmarked by August 1, 2009. Otherwise, there will be a \$15.00 fee for those who choose to wait and register on the day of auditions. (August 10, 2009) Please make checks payable to: The Ross County Fair



DATES & TIMES

Participants must be available to perform on all of the following dates and times.

ROUND ONE / BANDSTAND:

Monday August 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. (performances begin at 8:30)
Admission Free

SEMI-FINALS / BANDSTAND:

Tuesday August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. (performances begin at 8:30)
Admission Free

FINALS / GRANDSTAND:

Wednesday August 12, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. (performances begin at 9:00pm)
Admission \$5.00 (Also performing at the grandstand is the band CHASE)

Ohio's Got Talent is open to anyone of any age with any talent of any kind.
Minors (17 yrs of age and younger) must complete and turn in a parental consent form.

If you have any questions ~
Please contact The Ross County Fair Office at 740-775-5083.