



St. Clair County Fair Talent Show – Official Rules & Guidelines

Talent Show: October 3rd, 2026, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Purpose

The St. Clair County Fair Talent Show is designed to showcase local musical talent in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere during the annual fair.

Age Divisions

Contestants will compete in one of three divisions based on their age on 8/1/2026 and must be a resident of St. Clair County or attend a school within the county. See the entry form for age breakdown.

Eligible Performances

Only musical performances will be accepted.

Examples include:

- Solo vocalists
- Group
- Instrumental performances
- Piano
- Guitar
- Banjo
- Drums
- Other musical instruments

Performances may include live accompaniment or instrumental backing tracks. The following are examples of what will **not** be accepted but are not limited to:

- Dance routines
- Comedy acts
- Magic acts
- Lip syncing
- Spoken word
- Acts requiring live animals
- Performances containing inappropriate language or themes
- No glitter, pyrotechnics, smoke machines, or other hazardous materials.

The Fair Committee holds the right for the ultimate say on what act(s) qualifies for the final performance.

Performance Length

- Maximum performance time: 5 minutes (including any setup time)
- Contestants exceeding the time limit may be stopped or deducted points.



Performances must be suitable for all ages.

Audition Process

Contestants must submit:

- Completed entry form
- **Video audition by September 2, 2026**

Videos should:

- Be recorded in one continuous take
- Clearly show the contestant performing
- Have good sound quality to best represent the performance
- Be representative of the performance planned for the fair

Finalists

The Fair Committee will review all submissions and select finalists for the live competition. Selected finalists will perform live on the Music Stage during the St. Clair County Fair on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026. Finalists will be notified before the Fair and must confirm participation to be eligible. An independent judging panel will score all live competitions. Once given a time slot, participants should plan to arrive at the Fair at least 30 minutes ahead of their timeslot.

Judging : A panel of judges will score performances using the following criteria:

Category	Points
Musical Ability/skill	40
Stage Presence	20
Overall Entertainment	40
Total possible points=	100

Awards

1st place will be awarded in each division and receive an official Fair certificate and prize basket.

The Fair Committee will provide microphones, and sound system. Contestants should provide instruments, cables, and any other specialty equipment needed. Backing tracks must be submitted ahead of time. Contestants are responsible for their own instruments and equipment while on site at the Fair.

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Talent Show Entry Form (if a group performance, each member must fill this form individually)



Name: _____ Age as of 8/1/2026: _____

Talent Age Category: ☐ 9 & Under ☐ Ages 10-18 ☐ Ages 19 & Older

Address:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title / description of Act: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that participation in the St. Clair County Fair Talent Show is voluntary. I release the St. Clair County Fair, Fair Committee, committee members, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and affiliates from any liability related to my participation. I also grant permission for my name, likeness, photos, videos, and submitted materials to be used for promotional, publication, and advertising purposes related to the Fair and Talent Show.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent for Participants Under 18: If the participant is under 18 years of age, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant named above. I give permission for the participant to take part in the St. Clair County Fair Talent Show and agree to the release terms stated above, including release of liability and permission for use of the participant's name, likeness, photo, video, and general information for promotion and publication related to the Fair and Talent Show.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructions on how to submit your video:

1. Save your video in a MP4 format.
2. Email your video file and entry form to Brooke Perry: rachel.perry2002@yahoo.com
3. For questions, please contact Brooke Perry at the email above or 205 362 8003.