



Chowan County 4-H presents...
The Albemarle's Got Talent
(Regional Youth Talent Show)



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The 4-H Youth Talent Show is open to youth ages 9 to 19. Youth must reside in Northeast North Carolina and be enrolled in a public, private, or homeschool.
 - 1.a) EVERY PERSON performing must complete a 4-H Enrollment Form & Talent Show Application.
 1. b) **Special Note:** The Prior Year's First Place Winners within an age division (solo or member of an act) are ineligible to compete in that same age division until next year. Last Year's First Place Winners of the Junior division may compete in this year's Senior division.
2. Contestants will compete in one of two divisions with a maximum of 20 acts:
 - The Junior Division is for youth ages 9 to 13 years.
 - The Senior Division is for youth ages 14 to 19 years.

~ A maximum limit of 10 acts per division is set with others placed on a wait list. If by the deadline, the 10-act maximum is not met in one division; acts will be added to the other division from the wait list until a total amount of 20 acts is reached. ~
3. Contestants may perform either alone or as part of a group. Contestants may participate in one act only, whether alone or as part of a group. Groups in which there are participants that fall into both of the age divisions will have to participate in the Senior Division.
4. Prizes are awarded to EACH division for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The award schedule is as follows:
 - 1st place: \$70 & Trophy
 - 2nd place: \$40 & Rosette Ribbon
 - 3rd place: \$20 & Rosette RibbonAll other participants will receive a participation ribbon.
5. Acts must run between 5 to 7 minutes. Under no circumstances may an act run more than 7 minutes. ACTS RUNNING OVER 7 MINUTES WILL BE ENDED BY THE EMCEE and five (5) points will be deducted from their total points. The act is timed from the first vocal utterance if singing; the first body movement if dancing; the first musical sound if instrumental; etc.
6. Contestants must register with the event coordinator, Beth Stanley, at the Show Barn at 5:30 PM, an hour before the program begins.
7. Baton-twirlers or similar acts using batons, machetes, knives etc., will not be accepted. No fire, smoke or smoke-effect nor any live animals will be allowed on stage at any time.

8. VOCAL/INSTRUMENTAL BACKUP: Instrumental accompaniment by a person other than the performer is allowed, but is not judged. No participants may have live vocal backup unless they are competing as part of the act. Lead vocals must be removed from the recording or ten (10) points will be deducted from total score. Background vocals are allowed but cannot exceed 50% of the song and there must be adequate time for the judges to hear the contestants' voice with no "voiceover" or ten (10) points will be deducted from total score. Judges have final say on this ruling.

9. Cassette tapes must be cued properly or five (5) points will be deducted from total score. We are not responsible for any tape or CD, which is not picked up following the talent show. Please label each tape/CD with your name for identification.

10. All lyrics, actions and dress of any act must comply with the policies of the 4-H Code of Conduct, Section II and acts must be appropriate for a 4-H Family Event as determined by the Chowan County 4-H Program. Any acts deemed inappropriate will be ended by the coordinator and disqualified.

11. The Chowan County 4-H office and Chowan County Fair Board holds the right to use performers name and/or photo for any further publicity photos.

12. SCORING: One to ten points (1 being lowest) will be awarded for each of the following four judging categories:

- Stage Presence/Attire (confidence, projection, showmanship)
- Skill (talent, ability, expertise)
- Preparedness (practiced, precision, accuracy)
- Entertainment Value (creativity, appropriateness, appeal)

13. A gate pass will be provided for each contestant and one parent/guardian if the participant is not of legal driving age.

14. EQUIPMENT PROVIDED: Microphones and a sound system will be provided. Contestants must provide all other needed equipment.