

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Bill Riley Talent Search held in conjunction with the McKinley Park Festival in Creston, Iowa. Our search will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday July 27, 2013 at the McKinley Park Bank Shell.

Check in: Acts should arrive one half hour prior to the show to get checked in. The Sprout division performs first followed by the Senior division. Judging will be done between each division, followed by the awards for each division.

Awards/Prizes:

Sprouts (ages 2 through 12 years) Monetary 1st, 2nd, 3rd places
Senior (ages 13 through 21 years) Monetary 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

Timing: We ask that you please keep the performance as close to three minutes as possible.

Please complete the attached registration form and return to:

Kelly Busch, 710 N. Cedar, Creston, IA 50801 or
email to: skpbusch@mchsi.com

Please also read the 2013 Bill Riley's Iowa State Fair Talent Search Contestant Rules prior to the day of the show.

*McKinley Park Festival Registration Form
Bill Riley's Iowa State Fair Talent Search
Creston, IA*

Contestant Name: _____

Address: _____

Talent: (circle one): Vocalist/s Dancer/s Instrumental

Age: _____

Birth Date: _____

Social Security # (only need if advance to ISF): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(for multiple acts-List)

Name: _____

Age: _____

Town: _____

Birth Date: _____

Name: _____

Age: _____

Town: _____

Birth Date: _____

10. Competition at the Iowa State Fair:

1. Preliminary rounds: First 7 days

2. Semi finals: Days 8, 9, and 10

3. Championship show: Day 11

11. Semi-Finalists: Semi-finalists from last year's Iowa State Fair Talent Search are automatically qualified for the next State fair competition. You do not have to re-qualify for next year's show by winning a local level show, but are encouraged to compete at local shows. If you win a local level show, you are entitled to the prize money, but you must inform the Master of Ceremonies that you have already qualified for the State Fair. The second place winner will then be able to advance to the State Fair competition. Remember you are entitled to the first place prize money.

12. Birthdays and Semi-Finalists: Semi-finalists returning the following year will perform in the division for their current age. Example, if a 12 year old makes the semi-finals in the Sprout division, and they turn 13 by the next State Fair they will be placed in the Senior division.

13. Sprout Division Champions: There will be 6 Sprout Champions showcased in the Championship Show. All Sprout Champions in the Sprout division must sit out one year of competition. They also must re-qualify when returning after the one-year absence, and be 12 years old or less.

Senior Division Championship: There will be 9 finalists in competition. All finalists in the Senior division must sit out one year. They also must re-qualify when returning after the one-year absence, and be 21 years old or less. The "Grand Champion" of the Senior division is no longer allowed to compete at the State Fair Talent Show.

The only exception to the one-year absence will be for Sprout division champions who were 12 years old when they won. They do not have to sit out a year and are automatically qualified for the next State Fair. They will however be competing in the Senior division. It is highly recommended that they compete at the local level as a Senior to get a feel for the older division.

All divisions must qualify within the age requirement. For example, if you are 21 and don't qualify before you are 22 you are ineligible, or if you are a Sprout and don't qualify before you are 12 you will compete in the Senior division.

14. Acts will need name, complete address, birth date, age, social security number, phone number (include area code), 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.