

2026 Clackamas County Talent Search Rules and Regulations

Audition Date

Tuesday Evening, June 23rd, 2026

(An Additional Audition date may be added if a large number of Talent Applications are received.)

Talent Search Prizes Sponsored by Canby Music

Children's Division: 5 - 9 yrs.

First - \$100 Canby Music Gift Card
Second - \$50 Canby Music Gift Card
Third - \$25 Canby Music Gift Card

Youth Division: 10 - 17 yrs.

First - \$200 Canby Music Gift Card
Second - \$100 Canby Music Gift Card
Third - \$50 Canby Music Gift Card

Adult Division: 18 yrs. and older

First - \$500 Canby Music Gift Card
Second – \$250 Canby Music Gift Card
Third - \$125 Canby Music Gift Card

Please read all the rules and regulations before submitting your application.

Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations or be removed from the competition. The Clackamas County Fair and the Talent Search Audition Committee reserve the right to remove any entrant not complying with the stated rules and regulations, or any entrant refusing to follow the instructions of security or talent competition officials. Submission of an entry form and/or meeting the requirements DOES NOT ensure acceptance into the competition. Clackamas County Fair Talent Search Audition Committee approval is required before performing on stage.

1. **Accompaniment:** Vocal acts may use a recorded accompaniment with vocal background, but no lead vocals may be present on the track. Accompaniment should be in a compatible format, and a single track is preferred. If accompaniment is to be played from a cell phone, i-pad or similar device, performer must provide a person familiar with the device to assist the sound crew in running it during the audition and performances. CD's with background tracks are also acceptable if available. Any auditioner arriving with unacceptable accompaniment will be required to sing their piece acapella. Lip-sync performances are not allowed.
2. No video submissions will be allowed/accepted for the competition. **All performances must be done in person.**
3. Contestants will choose their performance content with the acknowledgment that the Clackamas County Fair is a family event and therefore it will not be offensive or lewd.
4. No entry fee is required to apply.

5. Employees and immediate family members of the Clackamas County Fair, its co-sponsors, and the Talent Search Audition Committee staff are ineligible to compete in the contest.
6. Once a contestant has won **First** place at the annual Clackamas County Fair Talent Search Contest, they **will not be eligible to compete in the same age division the following two years** at the Clackamas County Fair.
7. **A Contestant may only submit one application and can only appear in one act.** (Dance studios may register members as both singles and/or groups but entrants will be limited to two tryouts, one as a solo act and one with their group. If a contestant is selected in both the single and group category at the auditions, a choice must be made as the participant may appear in only one act for the final competition.)
8. Clackamas County Fair will only accept entries from Contestants living in the State of Oregon.
9. Any act, individual performer, or agency must submit their application on or before Monday, June 15th, 2026, to the Clackamas County Fair office, either online or delivered to the office. If submitting in person, the office is open until 5:00 PM. Incomplete entry forms may not be accepted by the Talent Search Audition Committee. **Once the completed application has been received by the Fair office, changes cannot be made to the application, or to the piece listed to be performed without prior approval.**
10. The following selection criteria will be considered:
 - A. Appropriateness for fair audiences.
 - B. Capability of production at this particular talent contest facility.
 - C. Originality, creativity, and overall talent
 - D. Appearance.
 - E. Act not to exceed 5 minutes in length.
11. There are three age divisions within the talent competition:
 - Children's Division (ages 5-9)
 - Youth Division (ages 10-17)
 - Adult Division (ages 18 & over)
12. **Talent Division Placement for Group Acts:** When a multi-person group is performing, the ages of the performers in the group will be considered to determine division placement. **Placement will be determined by the age of the oldest member of the group performing.** Participants must perform in their assigned divisions as determined by the Talent Search Coordinator and the Fair CEO.
13. The Children's, Youth and Adult Divisions **will not** be competing against each other. Each division will compete only against their own age group.
14. If a contestant/group has qualified for the talent contest and is unable to appear, the act forfeits its opportunity to compete. Substitutions will not be allowed. The vacated time slot will be assigned to the first available talent on the alternate list as established by the Clackamas County Fair Audition Committee.
15. Each contestant must be able to perform in their assigned round. Should an act fail to perform in a particular round, then that act forfeits the right to advance to the next round.

16. **Performers will use the same song/act at each level of competition, from auditions through finals. No changes of the performance piece will be allowed during the competition.**
17. The Clackamas County Fair and Talent Search Audition Committee shall have sole authority in selecting acts in the contest, scheduling of those selected, and controlling stage sets, sound, lights, power and overall (master) volume.
18. Baton-twirlers or similar acts using batons, machetes, knives, etc., will not be accepted. No fire, smoke or smoke-effect will be allowed on stage at any time.
19. All contestants will perform under lighting provided by the Clackamas County Fair and using the sound system provided by the Clackamas County Fair. The sound will be scaled to the venue used and reasonable requirements of the contest. The stage manager will have absolute control over the system. **No modification to stage acts, instruments, sound, or lights are to be made by any act, without prior approval from the Talent Search Stage Manager. Unauthorized modification will result in a forfeiture of the contestants' opportunity.**
20. The Clackamas County Fair and Talent Search Contest are not responsible for theft/damage or injury of any kind, to people, instruments, props, costumes, clothing etc. during, before or after the performance and are considered the sole responsibility of the Act performing. Also, the Clackamas County Fair and Talent Search Contest are not responsible for any expenses related to transportation, meals or lodging of any contestant choosing to participate.
21. **Instrumentation:** Vocal Contestants/Acts using more than three single instruments or full drum sets will not be accepted into the competition.
22. **Each Contestant selected to participate on stage at Finals will receive admission to compete at the fair based on the following criteria:**
 - Adult/Youth contestants, ages 16 and older, will receive one admission ticket to the Fair for the performance day scheduled for each member of the act/group.
 - Child/Youth contestants, ages 7-15, will each receive one admission ticket to the Fair for the performance day scheduled for each member of the act/group and one additional ticket for a parent/chaperone to accompany them into the fairgrounds.
 - Child contestants, ages 6 and under have free admission, and will receive one additional ticket for a parent/chaperone to accompany them into the fairgrounds on the day of participation.
23. The Clackamas County Fair Talent Search Contest may be recorded for promotional purposes. All acts give the Clackamas County Fair and its sponsors the right to use the recorded performances in any way necessary to promote the contest in future years with no additional residuals or payment. Entrants may “opt out” by noting their objection in writing on the entrance form.
24. **Final Round - The Finals will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2026,** and will consist of the audition finalists from the Children’s, Youth, and Adult Divisions. Top placing contestants from the **Children’s Division** will receive Prizes and the remainder will receive Participation Ribbons. Prizes will also be awarded in each placement to the **Youth and Adult Division winners**. Prizes will vary with the age, division, and placement of the contestants. (Please see awards listed above.)
25. **The top placing Clackamas County Resident(s) in the Children’s, Youth, and Adult Divisions may qualify to participate in the Oregon State Fair Talent Search Competition. The act performed at the Clackamas County Fair Talent Search Competition must be the act performed at the State Competition.**

26. If the winner(s) are unable to attend the Oregon State Fair Talent Search, the runner-up from **Clackamas County**, in that age division, may fulfill the winner title.
27. The Talent Search Contest Committee reserves the right of final decision on any matters pertaining to the Talent Search Contest not specifically covered by the rules.
28. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.**
29. The Clackamas County Fair management reserves the right to modify these rules without notice.