



Heartland Talent Showcase

Rules and Registration

Mission Statement:

Heartland Talent Showcase, a non-profit organization, will sponsor and promote a series of talent competitions throughout the Southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois, and Western Kentucky Region. Competition season will begin in January of each year and culminate with the Grand Championship Talent Competition in October of the same year.

It is the goal of the **Heartland Talent Showcase** to promote student self-esteem and encourage development of performance talents to their greatest potential.

Performance Categories:

Vocal Solo (Male/Female) – Solo performance by solo vocalist. Instrumental accompaniment by soloist is allowed. No vocal back-up singers, synthetic or live, are allowed.

Vocal Groups – Two or more vocal performers. Accompaniment by members of the group or others is allowed. No synthetic vocal back-up singers on recording are allowed.

Instrumental Solo – Solo instrumental performance without vocal utterances. Live or taped piano accompaniment is allowed. No accompaniment is allowed for piano solos.

Instrumental Groups – Two or more instrumentalists without vocalists using amplified or non-amplified instruments and/or rhythm section (percussion). All sounds must be created live on stage.

Dance Solo – Solo performance by one dancer. No tap effects may be used on a recording device by a dancer. Vocal performance by a dancer will not be judged.

Dance Group – Performance by two or more dancers. No recorder tap effects may be used. Vocal performance by **ANY** member of the group will not be judged.

Variety – One or more persons performing a talent not described in any other categories. I.E. Dramatic Interpretation, Comedy Skit, Magic, etc.

Rules:

- * No one considered a ^professional entertainer may enter the competition.
- * This is an amateur contest.
- * No baton twirlers, knife acts, etc. will be allowed including acts using fire or smoke.
- * A contestant may enter only **TWO** separate categories in any contest as described above, regardless of level entered.

- * In group entries with contestants of various divisions contestants must always enter at the higher level.
- * All contestants must perform age appropriate material keeping in mind this is a family oriented contest. No vulgar content or profanity will be tolerated or else it will result in disqualification.
- * Time limit per performance: Jr. Division – 5 minutes; Senior and Intermediate – 5 minutes.
- * No names and towns of contestants will be announced during the competition. All contestants will be introduced at the end of the show.
- * All finalists’ names and towns will be published in a program along with sponsors for finals competition.
- * The first three places of each division will advance to the finals competition in October. If the top three at any competition event already qualify for finals competition then the contestants with the next three highest scores will qualify for the final event.
- * Contestants are not allowed to use their own microphones during performances.
- * Contestants registering online through the Website MUST pay instantly using PayPal before completing their registration.

^Professional Entertainer – A professional is defined as one whom is a union member or one who has signed a contract with a professional agent or manager who is paid with either salary or commission for services rendered. Furthermore, an entertainer who sings or otherwise performs on any record released for commercial distribution through normal retail outlets shall be considered a professional. This does not prohibit an entertainer from self-producing a record for sale or distribution to friends and associates such as in church group activities.

°Amateur Entertainer – An amateur is described as a person who does something for pleasure, not for money or as a professional.

****Line-ups are determined by random drawing.**

Age Eligibility:

<u>Junior Division</u> 6 – 11 years	<u>Intermediate Division</u> 12 – 16 years	<u>Senior</u> 17 – 22 years
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- The following places will be given for Junior Division entries:
 - 6 – 8 entries 3 places
 - 9 – 12 entries 4 places
 - 13+ entries 5 places
 (Entries of 5 or less – 2 places will be awarded)

