

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU VARIETY CONTEST RULES

The purpose of the Variety Contest is to recognize young people and give them an opportunity to perform before audiences to gain valuable experience in the talent and entertainment field.

1. Contestants must be 9 years old at the time of the county contest, but not have reached 19 years old by January 1 of the following year.
2. When there is more than one contestant for an act, the act will be judged as a group and each member must fall in the age category.
3. Children of all Kentucky Farm Bureau members are eligible to participate in the Variety Contest.
4. The county Farm Bureau may enter one act in the district variety contest. All winning variety acts perform in a variety showcase at the state annual meeting in December. **(An act can represent the district only one year at the state variety showcase.)**
5. Contestants **must** be a member of a Farm Bureau family and must enter the contest in the county where the membership is paid. At least 50% of the members of any group entering the contest must be Farm Bureau members in the same county. Contestants can only enter the contest in one county each year.
6. Acts will be judged as follows: entertainment (40%), presentation (40%) and performance (20%). Variety acts will be limited to **five minutes** or be penalized a total of five points. **(The county and district winning acts must perform the same act at the next level of competition.)**
7. Prior district winners cannot enter the contest again either as a member of a winning group or as an individual.
8. It is recommended that judges be fair, impartial, unrelated to or acquainted with the contestants and be selected from outside the contest area.
9. Contestants are responsible for **all** props and/or instruments used for their act.
10. Professional entertainers are not eligible to participate. A professional entertainer is one who receives financial payment for performing and/or sales. Prize-money, one-time donations or travel expenses are **not** considered payment for performing.

VARIETY CONTEST AWARDS

County & District Level

County/District prizes to be awarded at the discretion of the county/district.

State Level

All 11 district acts will perform at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in December. A check in the amount of \$250 is awarded to each act at the conclusion of the State Variety Showcase.