

2016 Clackamas County Fair GOSPEL SING Rules and Regulations

All types of Inspirational Music are welcome!

Gospel Sing Competition Prizes

Youth Division: 10 - 17 yrs.

First Place \$150

Second Place \$75

Third Place \$50

Adult Division: 18 yrs. and older

First Place \$300

Second Place \$150

Third Place \$75

Please read all 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 Gospel Sing Audition Committee reserve the right to remove from the competition, any entrant not complying with the stated rules and regulations, or any entrant refusing to follow the instructions of Security or Gospel Sing competition officials. Submission of entry form and meeting requirements does not ensure acceptance into competition. Clackamas County Fair and Gospel Sing Audition Committee approval are required before performing on stage.

1. **AGAIN THIS YEAR:** Vocal acts may use a recorded accompaniment CD with vocal background, but no lead vocals may be present on the track. **Accompaniment MUST be in CD format only, and a single track is preferred. Absolutely NO accompaniment on cassette tapes, MP3's, cell phones or other devices will be accepted. Any auditioner arriving with unacceptable accompaniment, will be required to sing their piece acapella.** Lip-sync performances are not allowed.
2. No entry fee is required to apply
3. Employees and immediate family members of the Clackamas County Fair, its co-sponsors, and the Gospel Sing Audition Committee staff are ineligible to compete in the contest.
4. Once a contestant has won First place at the annual Clackamas County Fair Gospel Sing Contest, he/she/they **will not be eligible to compete in the same division the following two years at the Clackamas County Fair.**
5. **A Contestant may only submit one application and can only appear in one act.**
6. Any act, individual performer, or agency **must submit an application on or before 4:00 pm, on Friday, July 8th, 2016 to the Clackamas County Fair office.** All entries must include all requested information and materials noted on the Entry Form, otherwise the entry might not be accepted by the Gospel Sing Contest Committee.

7. **Auditions will be held on Tuesday, July 19th, 2016 at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds Main Pavilion.**
8. The following selection criteria will be considered:
 - A. Talent – Ability and Originality
 - B. Stage Presence – Costumes/Audience Appeal/Appearance
 - C. Selection - Appropriateness for Fair audiences and Entertainment Value
 - D. Act not to exceed 5 minutes in length
9. There are two age divisions within the Gospel Sing Competition: **Youth Division** (ages 10-17) and **Adult Division** (ages 18 & over).
10. **Talent Division Placement for Group Acts:** When a multi-person group is competing, 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 Gospel Sing Show Coordinator and the Fair Manager.
11. The Youth and Adult Divisions **will not** be competing against each other.
12. If a contestant has qualified for the Gospel Sing Contest and is unable to appear, then 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 Gospel Sing Audition Committee.
13. Each contestant must be able to perform in their assigned round. Should an act fail to perform in a particular round that act forfeits the right to advance to the finals.
14. **Performer(s) will use the same song/act at each level of competition.**
15. The Clackamas County Fair and Gospel Sing 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.
16. All contestants will perform under stage 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 Contest Stage Manager. Unauthorized modification will result in a forfeiture of contestants' opportunity to compete.**
17. **The Clackamas County Fair and Gospel Sing Contest are not responsible for theft, damage or injury of any kind, to persons, instruments, props, costumes, clothing etc. during, before or after the performance and are considered the sole responsibility of the Act performing.** Also, Clackamas County Fair is not responsible for any expenses related to transportation, meals or lodging of any contestant choosing to participate.
18. **Instrumentation:** Vocal Contestants/Acts using more than three single instruments or full drum sets will not be accepted.

19. **Each contestant selected to participate on stage, will receive admission to compete at the fair based on the following criteria:**
- Adult/Youth contestants, ages 16 and older, will each receive one admission ticket to fair for the performance day scheduled for each member of the act/group.
 - Child/Youth contestants, ages 10 -15, will each receive one admission ticket to 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.
20. The Clackamas County Fair Gospel Sing Competition 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.
21. **Final Rounds - The Youth & Adult Finals will be held the week of fair, date(s) to be determined after the number of entrants have been selected.** They will consist of the Youth Division & Adult Division winners from the auditions. **Three Cash Prizes** will be awarded to the **Youth Division**, and **Three Cash Prizes** will be awarded to the **Adult Division**. Cash prizes vary with age, division, and placement of the contestants.
22. **The Two First Place Acts will be introduced and receive their prize money after an encore performance, Sunday, August 21st, 2016 at the *Gospel Sing and Inspirational Message*, to be held at the Clackamas County Fair from 11:00am till 1:00pm. If an act cannot perform on Sunday, they will forfeit their prize money and the act with the next highest score will replace them.**
23. The Gospel Sing Contest Committee reserves the right of final decision on any matters pertaining to the Contest not specifically covered by the rules.
24. **The decision of the Judges is final.**

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