

***STATE CONVENTION
TALENT SHOWCASE***

RULES AND REGULATIONS



ALABAMA FFA ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this showcase is to highlight the unique and diverse talents of FFA members across the state and to provide entertainment throughout the State FFA Convention.

ELIGIBILITY

This activity is open to all FFA members who continue to follow a planned course of study, which includes a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program under the supervision of the Agriscience teacher. All participants must be in school and be paid FFA members in good standing at the state level or higher. All participants must also provide a signed waiver prior to convention. This program will serve as a pre-requisite for applying for the National FFA Talent Program.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Participants for this showcase will be selected based on an application and audition process. Application and directions for applying can be found in this document.
2. Selected applicant must be available to perform at various times throughout convention.
3. Talent applications will be due to the FFA Executive Secretary no later than March 15th. These may be submitted electronically.
4. An audition video should be uploaded into YouTube and a link sent with the application.
5. Students must perform in Official Dress unless the act requires different attire. Changes should be requested in the application and will be reviewed by the talent coordinator.
6. All acts should include manageable set-ups. They should not include elaborate stage props that would be difficult to transport and setup.
7. All acts should be of an appropriate content and subject matter.
8. The Talent Coordinator reserves the right to suspend any act throughout this process due to inappropriate material or failure to adhere to the guidelines established through this showcase.

DISCLAIMER

If contests (CDE, LDE, TDE's) cannot be held in person, a virtual option may be conducted. Contest rules and guidelines are subject to change to meet the needs of a virtual experience.

OFFICIAL DRESS:

Official Dress for an FFA member includes:

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons.
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt.
- Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf.
- Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.

Cowboy boots may be considered as dress shoes. Members should use good judgment to ensure boots and shoes are clean.



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Name (if group, include all participants): _____

FFA Chapter: _____ Advisor: _____

School Address: _____

Advisor Phone Number: _____

Talent Act Description: Please provide specific details as to the nature of the act (individual, duo, singer, instrumentalist, band, dancer, comedic, etc.) as well as any props or instruments involved.

Equipment Needs Request: Please list any equipment that you will need to have provided for your performance.

Audition Link: Please upload a video sampling of your talent (no more than 6 minutes) to YouTube and provide the link below. You can make this an unlisted video if you wish for it to not be published to the public.

*If selected, all acts will receive follow up information with further requests and waivers. All selected participants will be required to complete the waiver located in this document if selected. A detailed schedule of performances will be provided prior to convention.

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

State Talent Showcase Performance List

When completing this form:

- If a musical act, list up to six songs you plan to perform during convention. Also, please submit lyrics for each song selected.
- For other acts that will utilize music, please list all musical selections as well as any lyrics to those songs.
- If a comedic act, please submit a transcript of your act including all jokes and material presented.

Name of Act and FFA Chapter: _____

	Song	Artist	Length	Does this song have lyrics or is it just instrumental?
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Act Equipment Requests:

* We cannot guarantee all equipment requests will be fulfilled. This will be communicated prior to convention.

* Please attach all lyrics, manuscripts, or other content to this document.

Alabama FFA Association Waiver, Release of Liability, Consent to Medical Attention, Authorizations and Promotional Release

In exchange for my being allowed to participate in the Alabama FFA Virtual State Convention process (the "Process"), a process administered by the Alabama FFA Association, I, and if I am not 21 years old, my parent or legal guardian agree to be bound by the following:

1. **Voluntary Participation.** I understand and confirm that my participation in this process is voluntary.
2. **Release and Waiver.** I release the Alabama FFA, FFA Foundation, FFA Board of Directors, Alabama State Department of Education, and its directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, successors, and assigns from any and all liability for and waive any and all claims for injury, illness, loss, or damage, including attorneys' fees, in any way connected with my participation in the Process (a "Claim"), whether or not caused in the whole or part by the negligence of FFA or any of the individuals mentioned above.
3. **Identification of Risk.** I understand that Alabama FFA and its representatives may not be present during my participation in the Process. I understand that my participation in the Process may involve risk of injury and loss, both to personal and to property. I also understand that the risk of injury may include the possibility of permanent disability and death.
4. **Assumption of Risk.** I assume all risks, known and unknown, foreseeable and unforeseeable, in any way connected with my participation in the Process. I accept personal responsibility for any liability, injury, loss or damage in any way connected with my participation in the Process.
5. **Consent to Medical Treatment.** I authorize Alabama FFA to provide to me, through medical personnel of its choice, customary medical assistance, transportation, and emergency medical services. This consent does not impose a duty upon FFA to provide such assistance, transportation, or services.
6. **Publication and Promotional Release.** I grant Alabama FFA permission to photograph and/or videotape me for possible appearance and inclusion in any of the FFA publications, promotional materials, on-air broadcasts or website or used in any other way that is deemed appropriate by Alabama FFA for education or for promotion of Alabama FFA. I release Alabama FFA of any liability, claims, demands, damages, actions and causes of actions arising from or connected in any way with the use of the photographs and/or videotapes. I understand that I will receive no compensation for participation and that all photography and videotape resulting from participation will become the sole property of FFA. I authorize FFA to use my name, photo, materials produced for the program, or presentation in program for FFA materials, including but not limited to, educational resources, press releases, web-based publicity, and other publicity materials.
7. **Severability.** Each term and provision of the instrument will be valid and enforced separately to the fullest extent permitted by law.
8. **Applicable Law.** This instrument shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama.

THIS IS A WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY CONSENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. I AM SIGNING THIS WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY CONSENT TO MEDICAL ATTENTION, AUTHORIZATIONS, AND PROMOTIONAL RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.

Participant: Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

If the person participating in the process is not yet 21 years old, a parent or the legal guardian must sign:

In exchange for my child or ward being allowed to participate in the Process, and as the parent or legal guardian of the above-named individual, I verify that I fully understand, agree to, and accept all provisions of this Waiver, Release of Liability Consent to Medical Attention, Authorizations and Promotional Release.

Guardian: Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____