

# Fairbanks Has Talent Contest Rules and Regulations

After receiving the completed entry form, Tanana Valley State Fair personnel will contact you regarding your time slot in the preliminary competitions which will take place Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 3:00 PM at the Big Top Tent. All participants in the preliminary competition are responsible for their own parking and fair admission.

Twenty final contestants from the Tanana Valley State Fair preliminary completion will compete in the final competition on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the Big Top Tent.

## **ALL PRELIMINARY ROUND ENTRY APPLICATION AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY Friday July 30th.**

All contestants must present themselves in a professional way, and with reasonable talent. No animal acts or dangerous acts will be permitted. Tanana Valley State Fair management reserves the right to determine what acts may be dangerous. The Tanana Valley State Fair is a family friendly environment, no explicit content/lyrics are allowed. Any entry that is uncooperative, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, uses profanity, or displays any actions perceived unacceptable by the Tanana Valley State Fair Event Staff, or the competition judges, will be disqualified from the competition and removed from the venue. No refunds will be provided. Each contestant is also encouraged to cooperate with and follow the direction of the Master of Ceremonies and the Tanana Valley State Fair personnel.

Each contestant will be required to perform (1) one talent of their choice during the preliminary competition and, if selected, (1) talent during the finals which must be the same or similar. Performance length should be limited to no more than 3 minutes. Each contestant is required to provide the props, (instrumental accompaniment, tracks, props, etc.) for the talent they will be performing, or they may perform unaided. For singers: songs that have accompaniment must have instrumental accompanying tracks ONLY (no vocals). Instrumental tracks may be submitted in the following forms only: standard CD or MP3 player. The only sound equipment provided by the Tanana Valley State Fair will be microphones, monitors, and main PA. Any equipment such as instruments, amplifiers, etc., is the responsibility of the participants. Set-up time limited to 3 minutes.

Winners will be selected by a panel of qualified judges based on the following criteria:

- TALENT                                      50% on a scale of 5-50 = (Vocal ability, musicianship, skill level, difficulty piece)
- PROFESSIONALISM                      15% on a scale of 1-15 = (Entertainment ability, confidence, connection w/audience)
- APPEARANCE                                10% on a scale of 1-10 = (Appropriate dress, quality and/or originality of costuming)
- AUDIENCE REACTON                      25% on a scale of 5-25 = (applause, audience participation, reaction from audience)

The highest overall score wins. Tie scores will be reviewed and final placement determined by a judge's panel discussion. The judges' decisions are final.

**Cash Prizes will be awarded at the end of the Finals. First Place will receive trip to the Alaska State Fair in Palmer to compete in their "Alaska's Got Talent" competition to have a chance to win prizes that range from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00, Second Place will receive \$500.00 and Third Place will receive \$200.00. Federal taxes due are the responsibility of the winners receiving the prize money and Social Security Numbers will be required.**