



2017 Oregon Fairs Talent Search

A competition showcasing the state's best talent!

Oregon Fairs Talent Search (OFTS) Finals Rules

- Contestants for the Finals will be selected by the talent contests held by participating counties.
- It is up to the county talent contest officials to decide whom they will send to the Oregon State Fair to compete in the OFTS Finals.
- OFTS will only accept one contestant per division from each county.
- An individual may compete in any county talent contest for which he or she is eligible. However, an individual may not represent more than one county.
- An individual may only enter the Finals in one category; e.g., an individual may enter the individual category, but cannot enter as a member of a group.
- A duo or group may only consist of the original members from the county contest. The only exception is if one or more members are unable to participate, in which case the remaining members may still compete.
- All contestants must be amateurs, which means they may not belong to a union related to their talent, nor may their talent provide more than 50 percent of their income (based on income for the preceding tax year exceeding \$7,500).
- Previous first place winners of the OFTS Finals may not compete in the Finals for two years after their win, regardless of whether they enter a different category or division.
- A contestant's division will be determined by his or her age at the end of the county contest. If the ages of a duo or group members are in different divisions, they will compete in the oldest member's division. The divisions are as follows: Children (ages 5 – 9) Youth (age 10 – 17) Adult (ages 18 and over)
- Accompaniment tracks may not include lead vocals.
- Lip sync performances are not allowed.
- Performances **must not** exceed five minutes plus no more than one minute of set up, if any.

Our standardized judging system includes judging guidelines (see separate attachment) and a team of two tabulators to calculate final tallies. There will only be one winner/winning group per place (1st - 3rd) in each division. In the event of a tie for any of the three placements at the finals, the tabulators will use a consistently administered tie breaking calculation method.

Not following any of the above guidelines will result in disqualification.