



Talent Show

Date & Time: Saturday, August 9, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Johnson Hall, Nicollet County Fairgrounds
400 West Union Street, St. Peter, MN 56082

Line Up: The order of the line-up is pre-teen, teen and open class.
All acts **MUST** check-in with the event director at registration desk **by 2:45 p.m.**

Time Limit: There is a four-minute time limit for your act.
You will be disqualified if you exceed four minutes.

Equipment: We will provide a CD player and one microphone. Our system is compatible with a thumb drive too. It is your responsibility to provide any other equipment needed (music stand, chair/stool, etc...).

Registration **Pre-registration** via email or US mail must be received prior to August 6, 2025. Late registration and walk-ins will not be accepted. Contestants are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis upon receipt of completed registration form.

State Fair: First place winners in each division will have the opportunity to represent Nicollet County at the State Fair Amateur Talent Show. If you are the first place winner at our talent show, you must discuss this option with Rose Rustman **immediately following the show**. Should you decide not to go to the State Fair Talent Show, or if you have already qualified in another county, the State Fair trip will go to the second place winner. Please come prepared to schedule your State Fair performance according to the following dates:

- Pre-teen Division (12 and under): August 21-23 and August 27-29
- Teen Division (13-18): August 21-26
- Open Division: August 24-29
- **Finals for All Divisions: Saturday, August 30, 2025**
- **All 1st and 2nd place finalists can advance to the MSF Talent Contest finals at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 31 in the Grandstand.**

Judging Criteria: Judges use the following categories from the MN State Fair Talent Show criteria:

- **Talent:** Are they good at their talent – balanced against complexity of performance?
- **Selection:** Did their selection meet their ability? Was it appropriate for State Fair audience?
- **Stage Presence:** Use of stage, use of microphone, comfort level on stage, did the contestant sell you the piece?
- **Entertainment Value:** Was this act entertaining?

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you at the Nicollet County Fair!

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