

# 4-H Performing Arts Guidelines for 4-H Round-Up and State Fair

## Audience:

Area 4-H Performing Arts winners. Each area may send two acts to perform at 4-H Round-Up and two at the Indiana State Fair from the following categories:

### I. Group Acts

*Number of performers:* five (5) or more performers

*Performance time limit:* 5-8 minutes

*Types of acts:* skits or sketches, choral number, dance routines, lip sync.

### II. Curtain Acts: Non-Musical

*Number of performers:* one (1) to four (4) performers

*Performance time limit:* 3-5 minutes

*Types of Acts:* skits or sketches, magic, clowning, rhythmic gymnastics, reading, 4-H cheerleading routines, choral speaking reading, dance (ballet, tap modern, etc.), lip sync, juggling, acrobatic feats, ballads, puppetry.

### III. Curtain Acts: Musical

*Number of performers:* one (1) to four (4) performers

*Performance time limit:* 3-5 minutes

*Types of Acts:* instrumental (piano, guitar, flute, drums, etc.), vocal, bands (rock, country, jazz)

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Area winners will be screened at the State level and only those consistent with Indiana's 4-H mission and values will be invited to perform.

## Eligibility

All entertainers must be 4-H members. Narrators are considered part of the act so they must be a 4-H member as well. Please note: A person whose only contribution to the act is that of being piano or other accompanist is not considered part of the act and therefore does not have to be a 4-H member. This is because this provides music in a similar capacity as a tape provides music.

Mini 4-H/Exploring 4-H is designed to provide non-competitive educational experiences. We want to give mini/exploring youth a chance to participate in 4-H Performing Arts, but not have the pressure of being judged. Since acts have to compete in order to come to 4-H Round-Up or State Fair, the following eligibility rules will be applied:

1. A mini-/exploring 4-H'er(s) may NOT perform a curtain act.
2. A group of mini/exploring 4-H'ers may NOT perform a group act.
3. However, mini/exploring 4-H'ers may perform in a group act at under the following circumstances: The mini/exploring 4-H'er is associated with a regular 4-H club which includes older members, and the majority

of the group act performers are active 4-H members in grades 3-12.

It is up to the counties to determine if mini/exploring 4-H'ers are eligible to perform in group acts at the County Performing Arts program. If permitted, they should NOT be judged, but receive a special participation ribbon.

## Applications Due:

Area coordinator is responsible for sending in Area 4-H Performing Arts reports to State 4-H Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Note:** County educator should send in County 4-H Performing Arts report form one week after the county contest.

**Cost:** Participants that want to stay overnight will be responsible for paying their own-lodging. There is no registration fee.

## Description/Objectives of 4-H Performing Arts:

- To provide an opportunity for youth to perform for an audience where the performer and audience both have fun.
- To help youth identify talents that they may choose to develop.
- To share 4-H with others in the community
- To help youth and adults learn to work as team members for a coordinated activity.

## Evaluation Criteria

Copies of score sheets for use at county and area contests are available on the 4-H website [www.four-h.purdue.edu](http://www.four-h.purdue.edu). Click "search", type Performing Arts. All acts not invited to perform at 4-H Round-Up will be invited to perform at the State Fair.

## Suggested Time Table

March, April	Hold county contest Send County 4-H Performing Arts report to area coordinator one week after county contest or before the area deadline.
April, May	Hold AREA contest.
May 15	Send area 4-H Performing Arts report to State 4-H Performing Arts Coordinator, State 4-H Office.

