



STARS IN THE PARK TALENT COMPETITION CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION 2019

By submitting a completed Contestant Form and/or participating in Stars in the Park presented by the Jay County Chamber of Commerce, contestant(s) agree to the terms and conditions of the competition and understand that all judging is final and binding.

Auditions

- Stars in the Park will not require an audition. Please rehearse and be ready to perform.

Entry Fee

- There is no entry fee for returning or new contestants.

Contest Rules

- Stars in the Park is open to everyone and every talent. Contestants must give age at the time of the Finals performance on Friday, June 28, 2019. If you are 17 at the time the Semi Finals but are 18 at Finals, you will be deemed 18 years old for awards given during the Finals. Previous First Place Winners are not eligible.
- Dance performances will be accepted but there will be no special floor provided. You must dance on the concrete stage, grass area in front of the stage or provide your own flooring that requires little installation time and must be preapproved by Show Producer.
- Performance requiring music should check with the Jay County Chamber of Commerce regarding the format in which the music should be submitted prior to the show. The Jay County Chamber of Commerce, its event volunteers, Board of Directors, judges and/or event contractors will not be held responsible for music not being able to be played, played incorrectly or submitted in a format not accepted. Highly recommended: Bring a backup of your music and burn to a CD format.
- You are responsible for all costumes/props/instruments/etc., and set-ups for your performance. Please rehearse your performance, arrive on time, come prepared and be ready for every performance.
- You must have two different performances prepared for the contest – one for the Semi Final performance and one if your act advances to the Finals. All performance pieces must be approved by the Stars in the Park's Executive/Technical Director prior to performance. Any changes must also be reported to the director at least 3 days prior to next performance for approval.
- Contestants will be limited to no longer than one 6-minute performance in the Semi Final rounds and one 8-minute performance in the Finals round. Note: "performance" includes time for set up on stage.

- Semi Final shows and the Finals will be performed at the Amphitheatre in Hudson Family Park starting at 6:30pm on the following dates:
 - Thursday, June 13 – Semi Final #1
 - Thursday, June 20 – Semi Final #2
 - Friday, June 28, 2019 - Finals
- There will be two manners of judging in the Semi Finals.
 - The audience will vote with ballot tickets only – no cash votes.
 - The Top 6 contestants from each Semi Final show will advance to the Finals on June 28, 2019:
 - ONE & TWO - The top Audience Pick
 - THREE, FOUR & FIVE - The top 3 chosen from combined scores of the Judges and Audience
 - SIX - A Judges Choice
 - There will be a panel of three or more for each performance of Stars in the Park.
 - Judges will use the following criteria:
 - Personality
 - Originality
 - Creativity
 - Quality of Performance
 - Organization/Coordination
 - Stage Presence
 - Overall Performance
 - Judges will be the final decision in case of a tie.
 - During Semi Finals and Finals, voting will be a 1/3 to 2/3 split between audience and judges. Audience ticket votes and judge scoring points will be combined to determine finalists. The top two audience vote overall, a Judges' Save and three contestants who have the top combo points will advance to the Finals round.
 - On Finals night, only the audience will get to vote for a Fan Favorite. There are two Fan Favorite awards: "Fan Favorite 18 and Over," and "Fan Favorite 17 and Younger." The Top 3 overall contestants are not eligible for these prizes.
- It is agreed that participants will not hold the Jay County Chamber of Commerce, Stars in the Park Sponsors nor affiliated businesses, nor their directors, employees or competition judges or officials responsible for injuries sustained or illnesses contracted by them when in attendance and or participating in any phase of the competition.
- During the day of your performance, arrive early before the start of the show and be prepared. In the event a contestant arrives late for the show, it is the discretion and right of the Show Producer should determine should the performance be reschedule for later in the show or the contestant be disqualified from further competing in the competition
- Registered contestants not showing up for the competition, may be eligible from competing in future Stars in the Park competitions.
- Participants give their permission to the Jay County Chamber of Commerce to use photographs and appearance in video in connection with print, online, radio advertising or news coverage in connection with Stars in the Park competition. As well as any marketing after the competition.

- This is a family-friendly event. Participants must dress appropriately and not wear anything deemed offensive nor should their performance in any way or manner be deemed inappropriate or offensive. The Jay County Chamber of Commerce, its event volunteers, Board of Directors and/or judges will have total discretion to decide and immediately disqualify any contestant at any time before and/or during the competition that violates this term. This includes behavior that may in any way be deemed abusive, illegal, defamatory, libelous, indecent, obscene, offensive or threatening.
- The Jay County Chamber of Commerce, its event volunteers, Board of Directors and/or judges reserves the right to request information and/or approve any and all performances at any time before and/or during the competition.
- The committee reserves the right to disqualify and/or exclude any individual from the competition if any rules and regulations are not met. We also reserve the right to change the rules and procedures at any time if circumstances require us to do so. Participants will also be disqualified if any incorrect information is provided during the registration process or if during the performance it is deemed not a family-friendly performance.
- In the case of inclement weather, the Semi Final performances will be moved to the following Tuesday at the Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre. The rain date for the Finals will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre. The Executive Director, event volunteers and Chamber Officers will make the final decision for postponement, which will be announced as soon as possible.
- All decisions by the judges will be final! Score sheets are the property of the Jay County Chamber of Commerce and will not be available to the public or contestants.

Deadlines and Performance Dates

- May 13, 2019 – Based on availability, last day to submit a completed Contestant Entry Form to the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.
- Thursday, June 13, 2019 – Semi Final #1
- Thursday, June 20, 2019 – Semi Final #2
- Friday, June 28, 2019 – Finals Night

Prizes to be awarded:

- Grand Prize - \$500
- 1st Runner-Up Prize - \$250
- 2nd Runner-Up Prize - \$100
- Fan Favorite 18 and Over - \$100
- Fan Favorite 17 and Younger - \$100

Contact Information

- Facebook: Stars in the Park
- General information/Contestant Form:
 - Jay County Chamber of Commerce: (260) 726-4481
 - Email: membership@jaycountychamber.com
- Show Information/Producer:
 - Samantha Thomas: samanthathomas1983@yahoo.com or (260) 251-5514