

# Talent



NORTH DAKOTA

# Handbook

## Talent – State FFA Convention

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In keeping with both the state and national FFA program of activities, FFA members have been encouraged to develop and present talent acts at their FFA chapter meetings. There are many forms of talent available: music, short skits, pantomimes, magic, monologues and many more. These are all welcome at the state FFA convention.

The performance of talented FFA members at the state FFA convention adds greatly to the enjoyment of those attending. In the talent event, members reveal their skills and may be selected to perform during a state FFA convention session.

### Talent Format

- a. Talent applications are due **May 5** for individual or group acts. If more applications are received than can be accepted, selection may be based on when the application was received. The list of selected talent acts and the scheduled performances will be posted by **May 25**.
- b. Talent acts must complete the talent application via the ND FFA website. The application must include a link to a video of the talent act that will be performed at the state FFA convention.
- c. Talent acts are reminded that they are FFA members and their appearance should be appropriate. The video link submitted should include the outfit talent acts plan to wear at the state FFA convention performance, otherwise FFA official dress is expected.
- d. Talent acts selected to perform during a state FFA convention session will be informed of their time to report to the state FFA convention stage/production staff to review details and setup for the performance.
- e. Background music must be brought to state FFA convention on a USB Drive or can be played from a phone and connected to the sound system. Props and décor are discouraged due to limited space.
- f. Microphones and a keyboard will be furnished, all other equipment will need to be supplied by the performers.
- g. The ND FFA Association is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen equipment.
- h. Participants will be ranked and awarded as gold (medals), silver, or bronze. The top talent participant will receive the "Don Erickson" traveling trophy.
- i. Talent selected by National FFA to participate at the National FFA Convention are eligible for a travel stipend from the ND FFA Foundation.



**JUDGE'S RATING SHEET**  
**ND STATE FFA TALENT SHOW**

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Name</b>                        |                        | <b>Chapter</b>       |                 |
| <b>TALENT ACTIVITY</b>             |                        |                      |                 |
| <b>Category</b>                    | <b>Possible Points</b> | <b>Points Earned</b> | <b>Comments</b> |
| 1. Showmanship                     | 20                     |                      |                 |
| - Use of microphone & movement     |                        |                      |                 |
| 2. Creativity                      |                        |                      |                 |
| A. Originality of Performance      | 10                     |                      |                 |
| B. Expression & Audience Appeal    | 10                     |                      |                 |
| 3. Sound Quality & Clarity         | 20                     |                      |                 |
| 4. State Presence                  |                        |                      |                 |
| A. Poise                           | 10                     |                      |                 |
| B. Eye Contact                     | 10                     |                      |                 |
| C. Mannerisms                      | 10                     |                      |                 |
| D. Appearance & Appropriate Attire | 10                     |                      |                 |
| <b>TOTAL SCORE</b>                 |                        |                      |                 |