

The 4-H Share-the-Fun program is designed to give 4-H members opportunities to express themselves through the performing arts.



4-H Thrive

Positive Youth Development

Developing Competence

Adults create environments where youth can develop competence in their chosen project area.

Building Confidence

Youth build confidence as they learn to think for themselves, build mastery, and are recognized for their efforts.

Nurturing Caring

Adults nurture a caring environment where mutual trust between youth and adults is established. Caring relationships with adults are key to resilient youth.

Finding Connection

Youth build solid connections which are critical to their well-being.

Forming Character

Create a community where youth play an active role in developing their character.

Determining Contribution

Youth actively contribute to their clubs and communities.

***Mississippi State University is
an equal opportunity
institution.***

General Rules

1. Participants must be enrolled in a 4-H club or as an individual member.
2. Each county may enter three acts. The three acts may be all individuals or all groups or any combination of individuals and groups. A participant may enter as an individual and as a member of a group.
3. Group act participants must schedule their participation in other events so that all group members will be available to perform at the same time. Participants selected to perform at the State Congress 4-H Talent event will not necessarily include the performance group or number in its original form.
4. Previous participants in Share-the-Fun are eligible to participate.
5. Individual and group acts should be 3 to 5 minutes in length. Judges will penalize acts over 5 minutes.
6. Individual acts may have one accompanist.
7. Acts with knives, fire and other potential safety hazards will not be allowed.
8. Acts requiring more than 5 minutes to set up and, must schedule their performance with the show coordinator. (Bands in particular!)
9. Tape player and CD player will be provided.



Junior Rules (Ages 8-13)

1. Junior participants must be 8 to 13. Those participants who are 10-13 years old may also enter either a judging or visual presentation contest (but not both) held during District 4-H Achievement Day. Participants who are 8-9 years old may also enter the Clover Leaf Exhibit and Insect Collection. To help with scheduling acts for judging, each individual or team act should register with the person in charge of the contest early in the day.
2. Participants will be pre-registered for the district level contest as directed by the District Director - Family and Youth.
3. Group act participants will need to schedule their participation in other contests/events so that all group members will be available to perform at the same time.
4. Junior participants will be judged in blue, red, and white categories. Blue ribbon winners will be recognized during the Awards Program at District Project Achievement Days. These blue-ribbon winners will be invited to participate in the State Fair Talent Revue.

Score Card

Possible Points

- Costume/Dress 10 points
- Talent and Ability 40 points
- Performance and Showmanship 35 points
- Originality and Appropriateness 10 points
- Audience Response 5 points
- Total Score 100 points

Senior Rules (Ages 14-18)

1. Acts for the State Share the Fun event must be pre-registered by submitting a registration form one month prior to the state contest. Specific due dates for these forms will be on the registration form.
2. At the event, acts will perform for competition based on a pre-arranged schedule. Participants will be notified about the time of their performance. This should allow these participants the opportunity to be involved in other state contests and activities.
3. Participants will have the opportunity to request a preferred time, and all reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the requests.
4. Senior acts will be divided into five divisions. These divisions are as follows:
 - a. Vocal
 - b. Drama
 - c. Dance
 - d. Instrumental
 - e. Combination Acts (Vocal and Instrumental, Dance and Vocal, Dance and Drama, etc.)
5. Premiere performers will be selected to perform in a talent show at a state event – usually the State Share the Fun Show at State 4-H Congress and may also be invited to perform in the State Fair Talent Review.
6. The act performed in the state show may not be the same act as performed in the try-out event.
7. Individual and group acts may be selected to perform during the year at 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Programs and other 4-H and/or Extension related events. Selections will be at the discretion of the person in charge of an event based on the nature of the acts.



Individual Act Registration Form

County: _____

Name: _____ Age as of January 1, current year: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please check division that best describes the act:

____ Vocal

____ Instrumental

____ Dance

____ Drama/Reading

____ Combination consisting of _____

Description of Act _____

**Include information on type of act, i.e. vocal, instrumental, drama, dance, etc.; title of song, dance, reading, etc.; and other pertinent information about the act.*

Accompanist (if applicable) _____

Equipment/space requirements needed for act _____

Preferred time to compete in contest: _____

**This form is due by May 1, please send to: State 4-H Department
Share the Fun Entry
P. O. Box 9641
Mississippi State, MS 39762**



Group Act Registration Form

County: _____

List name, address, and age of all participants on the back of this sheet.

Please check division that best describes the act:

_____ Vocal

_____ Instrumental

_____ Dance

_____ Drama/Reading

_____ Combination consisting of _____

Description of Act _____

**Include information on type of act, i.e. vocal, instrumental, drama, dance, etc.; title of song, dance, reading, etc.; and other pertinent information about the act.*

Accompanist (if applicable) _____

Equipment/space requirements needed for act _____

Preferred time to compete in contest: _____

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