

Rock Island County Fair Talent Show 2026



Sunday June 14th, 2026

★ Program begins at 2:00 pm

★ Check-in Time 1:30 pm

Runners Park
742 15th Avenue
East Moline, IL 61244

\$5
ENTRY FEE

Deadline for Entries: June 9th, 2026

Contestant(s) must live in or go to school in:
Rock Island, Henry, or Mercer Counties in IL or Scott County in Iowa.

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Age: _____ Email _____

Name of School attending 2025/26 _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Permanent Resident Address _____

By signing this, I agree to the terms and conditions of this program, have read, and understand the rules and expectations.

Name of Parent/Guardian if under 18 _____

Signature of Entry (Parent/Guardian if under 18) _____

Select a division Jr. Division Sr. Division

**IF GROUP, PLEASE LIST
MEMBERS ON BACK**

Type of Talent _____

Song Title _____

Mail entries to:

Rock Island County Fair Talent Show
c/o East Moline Main Street
1033 7th Street, Suite 2B • East Moline, IL 61244

Main Street President/Talent Show Superintendent:
Patricia Hansen
309-948-1926 ★ president@emmainstreet.org



Sunday Concert Series to follow the talent show!

Official Talent Contest Rules of the State Competition in January 2026 will apply.
Professional Entertainers are NOT Eligible.

1. Any act that goes over the 4-minute performance time limit will be disqualified. Contestant is not to introduce their act. The emcee will take care of introductions.
2. To lessen sound prop confusion when using a CD accompaniment, only the song that the contestant is using shall be on the CD. No “like” talent is allowed on the recording. (i.e. vocal, tap dancing, any like instrument, etc.) This means that you can’t have the same thing you are doing on the recording. For example, singer cannot have background singing in their backup music and dancers cannot have the sound of tap/Irish dancing or other type of dancing on the background music. Backing tracks are available at www.musicalcreations.com.
3. **JR. Division** entries must be not over 14 by the day of State contest in January. **SR. Division** entries must be at least 15 years of age and not over 21 by the day of State contest in January.
4. Jr. & Sr. Division winner or winners (any place at the state level may return under the following...if they were competing as a single they can come back in a group/duet or if in a group/duet can come as a single. All Jr. winners are eligible to compete in the Sr. division when they reach age 15.
5. Runner-up may represent the county in the event the winner cannot compete. The entry can represent only one county fair. You must compete with the same contestants that you have won with. Winners are not allowed to compete for multiple Counties.
6. Floor mics are the only equipment furnished. Floor mats will need to be furnished by contestants. An audio engineer with professional sound system will be on site to play your CD. Contestant must furnish any other equipment needed.
7. The panel of judges ‘decisions will be final.
8. Everyone receives a participation trophy. Top 3 in each division will be awarded.
9. There will be a gate fee of \$5 when entering, contestants will pay gate fees with their entry form. This is a per person fee not per entry.
10. The 1st place winners in each division are invited to attend the State Talent Show in Springfield in January if they elect to not attend it will be passed down. East Moline Main Street will pay the State Competition entry fee. State fee & entries are due by October 1st. Main Street will also pay Illinois State Fair Jr. and Sr. competitors an expense stipend when they are present to compete at State level.
11. All contestants must sign a liability waiver before performing. Signing the waiver signifies the contestant has read, understands, and intends to abide by the rules of the fair and contest. A Guardian will be required to sign for minor children.

Entrants will be accepted Through June 9th, 2026