



Wyoming FFA Association

2016 Convention Talent Competition and Session Performance Application

I am interested in applying for: (Please check **ALL** that apply).

2016 Wyoming FFA Talent Competition

This is a judged event, similar to a CDE or other competition. Members will submit a video online for judging prior to convention. The winner will receive a prize and recognition during the Wyoming FFA Final Convention Session. Please see official rules below.

Convention Session or Other Event Performance

FFA members are encouraged to apply to be a talent performer during the convention. We use talent performances to enhance the fun and excitement of the state FFA convention. Performances are most often needed during the convention sessions, but there may also be opportunities to perform at the career fair, scholarship reception or past state officer banquet. Talent performances can include singing, dancing, bands, comedy acts, dramatic interpretations, etc. Groups are allowed to perform. **This event is not judged.**

National Anthem Performance

Whenever possible, we like to feature FFA members delivering the National Anthem prior to the general convention sessions. You may sing the anthem, or play it on an instrument. Groups will also be allowed to perform. **This event is not judged.**

MEMBER (OR GROUP LEADER) INFORMATION

Name:

Chapter:

E-Mail Address:

Phone Number:

Single Act or Group

Act:

TALENT DETAILS

Describe your act as thoroughly as possible. If musical, indicate type (country, hip hop, etc) and **specific song** you will be using during your performance. If not musical, indicate type of act. Lyrics should be in good taste and will not include swearing or references to drugs, sex, alcohol or other behavior conflicting with the values of the FFA.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

List any equipment necessary for your act. Include items that may be available at the convention (microphones, chairs, amplifier, piano, projector, etc.)

Please Note:

- ALL POTENTIAL TALENT PERFORMERS (including session talent, national anthem performances and the competition) will need to submit this form and an audition video. Audition videos do not need to be of professional quality but should showcase the act clearly. Videos should be uploaded to YouTube and the link to the video copied and pasted into the application below.
- Applications, including a link to your audition video, are due March 18, 2016. Please e-mail your completed application to wyffatalent@gmail.com.
- Applicants will be notified by March 25, 2016 of their selection and given further performance details.
- **Students selected to perform the National Anthem will be required to be in official dress.**
- Other performers need not wear official dress, but clothing should be in good taste and suitable for an event sanctioned by the Wyoming High School Activities Association.

By applying, I agree that any and all performances will be in good taste and appropriate for an event sanctioned by the Wyoming High School Activities Association. I agree that my song choice or performance topic, and my clothing will not promote alcohol, smoking, drugs, gun violence or any act that would be considered unlawful. If you have any questions regarding appropriate songs or performance topics, please contact the State FFA Advisor. If my song choice is determined to be inappropriate by State FFA Staff, I may be asked to substitute a more appropriate song. If my clothing choice is deemed to be inappropriate by State FFA Staff, I may be asked to change into official dress or another outfit, or prohibited from performing during the event.

Student Signature

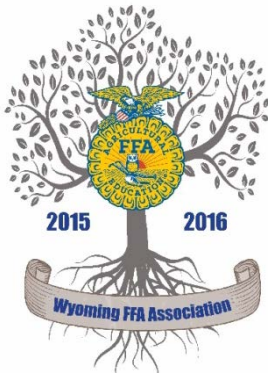
Advisor Signature

Please paste the link to your audition video here:

The following is for applicants for the 2016 Wyoming State FFA Talent Competition ONLY.

Please complete the following questions of information for the emcee to interview you:

Name of performer(s):	
Grade in school of performer(s):	
Other school activities/hobbies:	
Highlights in FFA:	
Career goal(s):	
College to attend (if known):	



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2016 Wyoming FFA State Talent Competition Schedule and Rules

The Wyoming FFA State Talent Competition is designed to develop individual or group talent, to stimulate participation of members, and develop further talent efforts among the FFA membership.

FFA members interested in competition in the 2016 event must submit an audition video. The top 10 performances will be chosen to compete in the preliminary round on Wednesday April 6, 2016. From there, the top 3 acts will advance to the final round, to be held Thursday, April 7, 2016, during the convention session. The winner will be announced during the session.

Schedule of Events

- March 18 – Application and video auditions due emailed to wffatalent@gmail.com .
- March 25 – Top Ten Acts announced based on video auditions.
- 12:30 p.m., April 6 – Dress rehearsal for preliminary round at Holiday Inn, Yellowstone Room, Cheyenne.
- 2:00 p.m., April 6 – Preliminary round for Top Ten acts at Holiday Inn, Yellowstone Room, Cheyenne. Final round participants will be announced at the conclusion of the event.
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., April 6 – Final round participants complete sound check at Civic Center, if needed.
- 7:00 p.m., April 6 – Final round participants also announced during convention session.
- 8:00 a.m., April 7– Top 3 acts perform during final convention session for final round. Winner will be announced prior to the conclusion of the session.

2016 Wyoming FFA State Talent Competition Rules

1. Only current FFA members with state dues paid for current school year will be eligible. Competition is open to junior high and high school FFA members only.
2. Winning the talent CDE **does not** automatically certify the winner or team to represent the state in any other event such as the National FFA Talent Competition.
3. Any individual or a group of no more than 7 members may compete.
4. Appropriate dress for the talent being performed will be worn for talent competition.
5. Talent performances shall be NO MORE THAN 5 minutes in length for competition and judging. A penalty of five points for each minute overtime will be deducted from the total score.
6. Songs or performances that promote alcohol, smoking, drugs, gun violence or any act that would be considered unlawful **will not be allowed**. If you have any questions regarding appropriate songs or performance topics, please contact the State FFA Advisor. Talent members are asked to submit their

song selection as part of their official application. State staff will look through the lyrics and make sure the songs are appropriate for performances. If a song is not approved the student will be notified and given the option to submit another selection.

7. One non-FFA member may serve as an accompanist per each entry and will not count toward the group count of 7 members.
8. All contestants must report to the Talent Competition Chair in charge during the April 6 dress rehearsal time period. Failure to show will result in elimination from the competition.
9. Judges for the talent competition shall consist of three impartial persons per round. Each round is scored independently, scores are not cumulative. Only the top three acts will be announced and the remaining acts will be listed in alphabetical order.
10. Performances will be judging using the following criteria:

Poise	5 points
Personality	5 points
Appearance	10 points
Talent Difficulty	15 points
Mastery	25 points
General Technique	15 points
Appropriateness	10 points
<u>Audience Reaction</u>	<u>15 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

A penalty of 5 points for every minute over time will deducted from total score.