

# MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

## CRESCO IOWA

### 2014 Bill Riley Talent Search

Entry Form – Print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (circle one);                  Sprout                  Senior

Circle one:                  Solo Act                  Group Act (no more than 5 persons)

Briefly describe your act: \_\_\_\_\_

*If group, list other persons in group. Include town, birth date and age (print clearly).*

Name	Town	Birth Date	Age

**Hold Harmless Agreement:**

I agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Mighty Howard County Fair, its individual members and Directors against any and all claims arising out of or resulting from my participation in the Mighty Howard County Fair's "Bill Riley Talent Search". In addition, I hereby certify that I have read and agree to follow the rules of the contest and to respect the judges' rulings.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions please contact Dean Lickteig, 563-547-0444

*Mail Entry Form to: Mighty Howard County Fair, P.O. Box 83, Cresco, IA 52136*

***Entry deadline is June 25, 2014***

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*Saturday, June 28, 1:00 p.m., Grandstand Stage*

#### Contestant Rules

1. Show is open to legal residents of the state of Iowa only. Judges decisions are final.
2. **Age Divisions: Sprouts:** 2 through 12 years; **Seniors:** 13 through 21 years
  1. A person's age for the Iowa State Fair competition is determined at the time they win a local show. A 12 year old (or 21 year old) could turn 13 (or 22) by State Fair and still be eligible in the Sprout (or Senior) division, as they met age requirements at the time of qualification. All divisions must qualify within the age requirement. For example, if you are 21 and don't qualify before you are 22 you are ineligible, or if you are a Sprout and don't qualify before you are 12 you will compete in the Senior division.
3. Sprout acts will be permitted to have one performer who is 13 years old only. If a performer in a Sprout act turns 13 before the State Fair, thus making the Sprout act have two or more 13 year olds, that act will automatically become a Senior act. Any performer who is 14 years or older will not be allowed to perform in a Sprout act.
4. **Acts are required to keep the performance at three minutes or less.** Acts running longer than three minutes are subject to possible disqualification or point deduction. This will be at the judge's discretion. Keep the act at three minutes please. Set-up time is not included. **Please try to limit set-up time to one minute.**
5. **No more than five persons are allowed in an act.** Piano accompanist is NOT included in an act and may be any age. No more than three accompanists permitted per act. Drums, amps, etc. are discouraged due to the one-minute set-up time. No combos, rock bands or similar musical groups permitted.
6. Acts are asked to not dance onto or off the stage. After introductions, you may take any position you wish to begin your performance.
7. **Vocalists are strongly encouraged to practice and perform with the assistance of a vocal coach and/or a live accompanist. We understand that live accompanists are expensive, and sometimes very difficult to obtain for some performers. We do allow recorded accompaniment. The judges' preference is a single instrument. Multiple tracks, although permitted, are not suggested. This is not a karaoke contest. Any prerecorded track with backing vocals is not allowed, and the act will be disqualified.**
8. Contestants may only appear once in any given show. This applies to qualifying shows as well as the competition at the Iowa State Fair. They may not perform "solo" and then return in the same show in a duet or trio. Contestants are allowed to perform in different acts in different shows, but they may only qualify for the State Fair Show with one act.
9. Professionals are NOT permitted to compete. This includes Union musicians and anyone whose **principle source of income is from their talent.** Compensation for performing at weddings, etc. does not constitute principle source of income.
10. Acts will need name, complete address, birth date, age, social security number, phone number (include area code), and type of talent. Multiple acts need one member to act as a contact person with all information going through them. Additional members of the act need only birth date, age, and town.
11. First place winners in the Mighty Howard County Fair's "Bill Riley Talent Contest" will advance to the Iowa State Fair. Winners must abide by the rules as set forth by the Iowa State Fair.
12. Prizes include: **Sprouts:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$50; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$30; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$20; **Seniors:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$50; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$30. All persons shall receive participation ribbon.
13. Entry information: Entry forms and rules available at C US Bank (Cresco, Lime Springs, Ridgeway); Cresco Bank & Trust; Cresco Chamber/Welcome Center and online at [www.mhcfair.com](http://www.mhcfair.com). No entry fee.
14. Entry deadline is June 25, 2014. Mail entry form to: Mighty Howard County Fair, P.O. Box 83, Cresco IA 52136.

For more information, contact: Dean Lickteig, 563-547-0444; e-mail: [deanlickteig@hotmail.com](mailto:deanlickteig@hotmail.com)