



Music Fest Guidelines



The three Music Fest performance categories are as follows.

Individual or Duet	1 or 2 participants	(1-5 minutes)
Short Group Performance	3 or more participants	(5 – 15 minutes)
Long Group Performance	3 or more participants	(16 – 30 minutes)

All participants must be Brown County 4-H members. Only youth members can be on the stage during the performance. Adult leaders can assist with recorded music, lighting, sound effects, holding props, etc. from off stage. Adults can help move props on and off the stage between scenes or songs.

Performances can be instrumental, vocal, novelty, or dance.

Individuals are limited to any combination of 3 performances. For example, this could be 3 individual performances. Another choice may be to participate in one group event, one duet, and one individual performance for 3 performances total.

Instrumental, Vocal, Novelty, and Dance groups can use professionally recorded instrumental music, a taped accompanist, or a live accompanist during the performance. Professional recorded vocal music is only allowed for dance selections.

Any appropriate music and songs can be chosen.

Props, costumes, and makeup can be used to enhance the quality of the performance. Modest attire or costuming is to be selected.

Individual/Duet entries can perform one or two songs for a maximum total performance time of 1-5 minutes. Short Group Performances are to be 5 – 15 minutes long. Long Group Performances are to be 16-30 minutes long. A short introduction can be given for any category. This introduction can include information about the selection(s) or composer. The time for any introduction information is included in the overall time for your performance. Deviation from the stated time limits for any category will be considered by the judges when evaluating the performance for awards.

After the performance, all participants will meet with the judges for a verbal and written evaluation.

All individual or duet performers in Grade K – 2 (Cloverbuds) will receive a green participation ribbon. All other individual or duet participants, Grade 3 and above, will be awarded a blue (1st place) or red (2nd place) ribbon for their performance. All group performers, regardless of their school grade category, will receive a blue or a red ribbon based on the judges' decision. Any number of blue or red ribbons can be presented overall for each category.

Entries earning a blue ribbon will be eligible for additional awards as follows.

Best Individual or Duet Performance (certificate and traveling trophy)
Honorable Mention Individual or Duet (certificate)

Best Short Group Performance (certificate and traveling trophy)
Honorable Mention Short Group Performance (certificate)

Best Long Group Performance (certificate and traveling trophy)
Honorable Mention Long Group Performance (certificate)