



**Dakota Star**  
**presented by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union**  
**Talent Search Rules**  
**South Dakota State Fair 2017**

1. Three (3) finalists from each division will be selected from each night of preliminary competition. They will be invited to compete in the South Dakota State Fair **"Dakota Star presented by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union"** finals, held Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 pm, at the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage. Preliminaries run Friday, Sept. 1, Saturday, Sept. 2 and Sunday, Sept. 3 at 6:00 pm.
2. Contestants will be selected from applications submitted to the South Dakota State Fair. Contestants advancing to the preliminary rounds will be notified by the South Dakota State Fair Office.
3. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee for each contestant. Each contestant will receive a free Dakota Star T-shirt.
4. Contestants will receive a complimentary SD State Fair gate admission pass for the day they perform. Contestants who advance to the finals will receive a complimentary gate pass for Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. The talent competition will be divided into three categories (all age divisions are determined by the contestant's age on the day of the deadline).
  - Adult: 18 years and over
  - \* The Dakota Star will come out of the adult category.
  - Junior Division: 12-17 years
  - Child Division: up to 11 years
6. Each contestant may sing one song and must provide his/her own background music on a CD. Background music cannot include main vocals.
7. Contestants are allowed to provide their own background music, e.g. piano, guitar.
8. Contestants advancing to the finals must use the same song selection as performed in the preliminary competition.
9. Contestants must submit their background music to the SD State Fair along with the entry form.
10. If background music on a CD is not given to the SD State Fair prior to the 2017 SD State Fair but during, the SD State Fair is not responsible if the CD is not compatible with the computer or will not play.
11. All contestants must be single entrants – no duos or groups.
12. If you will be paid for performing at any activity or event during this year's South Dakota State Fair, you are ineligible to compete in the Dakota Star Competition.
13. In the case of inclement weather, the contest time, date and location are subject to change.
14. Contestants will be judged on pitch, rhythm/timing, tone/quality, uniqueness, stage presence, crowd appeal and originality. All judge's decisions are final.
15. All contestants are responsible for their own act, and will sign a waiver releasing the South Dakota State Fair and all participating sponsors of any and all liability of injury, illness and loss of property or possessions associated with promotion.
16. Prize winners, upon acceptance of the prize won, give permission to the South Dakota State Fair, KTTW Fox TV, and Dakotaland Federal Credit Union to use all or part of any recordings, photographs or related materials for promotional use.
17. Previous Dakota Star winners are not eligible to compete in the same division in which they were awarded first place.
18. No participant can win the grand prize more than one time.
19. Prizes may not be transferred without permission of the South Dakota State Fair and will not be exchanged for cash or any other prizes.
20. The South Dakota State Fair reserves the right to make all decisions related to this contest, including the invitation of contestants, the choosing of judges and the exclusive right to make those decisions final.

**AWARDS:**

**Adult Category – ages 18 and over:**

**Grand Prize: \$1,000.00 cash**

- Title of Dakota Star
- 3 hour recording studio session with Cathouse Studio
- Produce own commercial promoting Dakota Star on KTTW Fox
- Perform on NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage during 2018 SD State Fair
- Emcee 2018 Dakota Star Contest

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$500**

**Junior – ages 12-17:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$ 250.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$ 100.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$ 50.00**

**Child – up to 11 years**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$ 100.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$ 50.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$ 25.00**



## Dakota Star presented by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union Application

Applications for the talent search, details on how to enter, prizes, divisions, schedule, and rules can be downloaded on the State Fair website ([www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com)). Questions can be directed to the Fair by calling 800-529-0900. **Applications are due at the South Dakota State Fair office by Monday, August 21, 2017. Along with the applications, a copy of the music on CD that will accompany the performance must be included with the application. The music will be pre-loaded onto a computer so the contest will go smoothly. Mail applications, CD and \$10.00 entry fee to SD State Fair, Attn: Dakota Star, 1060 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW, Huron, SD 57350.**

Please print legibly:

Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the musical number you will be singing: \_\_\_\_\_

\* A copy of the music that will accompany the performance must be sent in along with the application.

What night would you prefer to perform for the preliminary competition? \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> preference \_\_\_\_\_

\* Scheduling is done at the discretion of the SDSF. Preferences cannot be guaranteed.

Have you ever performed at the South Dakota State Fair before?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever performed professionally or been paid to perform?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Paid/Non-Professional \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* If you will be paid for performing at any activity or event during this year's South Dakota State Fair, you are ineligible to compete in the Dakota Star Competition.

Have you ever participated in the Dakota Star talent competition? If yes, which division.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

If you have participated in the Dakota Star, did you place in your division? If yes, did you win first place?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

My signature below verifies my understanding and agreement to abide by the rules as they are listed on the reverse side.

Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_