

Rules

1. All entries must be signed by a County Farm Bureau President or their designee. Additionally, applications should be submitted by **Friday, July 17, 2020** and include a video recording of the proposed performances. Entrees will be prejudged and only twelve (12) total acts will be selected consisting of four quartets, four soloists, and four variety acts performing gospel music. (*The previous year's "Best of Show" is not eligible to compete*).
2. Gospel variety acts can be ensembles, bands, duets and others which would not fall into the traditional category of a soloists or a quartet. Quartet groups must have at least four members, but not more than eight. However, exactly four voices must be used during each song.
3. Acts will be notified of their selection by **Friday, July 24, 2020**.
4. Any act whose member(s) earn more than half of their income from singing, or are full-time performers or have signed with a national recording label will be considered professionals and not eligible to participate in the showcase.
5. Contestants do not have to be a Farm Bureau member unless it is required by the sponsoring county. All acts must reside in the state of Kentucky.
6. Acts can use musical instruments, sing a cappella, utilize a CD, or track with pre-recorded music.
7. Acts may introduce the title of their **two** selections with no other introductions or conversation.
8. If utilizing tracks, selections must be received by Kentucky Farm Bureau by **Friday, August 7, 2020**. Send CDs or digital files to Scott Christmas at Kentucky Farm Bureau, 9201 Bunsen Parkway, Louisville, KY 40220, or Scott.Christmas@kyfb.com.
9. Acts will be judged on five categories with 20% maximum given to each: (1) choice and expression of song, (2) rhythm, tempo, and dynamics, (3) quality of voices, (4) pitch and projection and (5) stage presence and general effect.
10. At the conclusion of the showcase on **Thursday, August 27, 2020**, the Best of Show, Best Quartet, Best Soloist, and Best Gospel Variety acts will be announced.

Prizes

Best of Show: Complimentary promotional space in *Kentucky Farm Bureau News*, valued at \$1,000, our official publication with one of the largest print circulations in the state; an additional \$500 and a trophy from Kentucky Farm Bureau, plus \$150 and a ribbon from the State Fair.

Best Quartet: \$300 and a trophy from Kentucky Farm Bureau, plus \$100 and a ribbon from the Kentucky State Fair

Best Soloist: \$300 and a trophy from Kentucky Farm Bureau, plus \$100 and a ribbon from the Kentucky State Fair

Best Gospel Variety: \$300 and a trophy from Kentucky Farm Bureau, plus \$100 and a ribbon from the Kentucky State Fair

County Sponsor: A trophy from Kentucky Farm Bureau, plus a ribbon from the Kentucky State Fair

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Showcase Coordinator

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Kentucky State Fair
Kentucky Farm Bureau
Gospel Music Showcase Rules

South Wing C, Upper Level
Meeting Rooms C201-C205

State Fairgrounds, Louisville, KY
Thursday, August 27, 2020
9:45 a.m.



Master's Trio
State Showcase Winner



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