

**2010 Cottonwood Festival**  
**“Cottonwood’s Got Talent”**  
**Contestant Registration Form**

(Please print all information)

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (if under 18 yrs. old): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) OF PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIAN (if under 18 yrs. old): \_\_\_\_\_

STAGE OR GROUP NAME (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ACT AND THEIR NAMES:

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACT INCLUDING SONG TITLE (if applicable):

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please read the complete contest rules carefully.  
Judges have the right to eliminate any individual or act, in their sole discretion, for any reason.

**ENTRY DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010**

For further information, contact Patrick Crawford (402-831-8424) or the Cottonwood Festival Office (402) 461-8412

Email: [cottonwood@inebraska.com](mailto:cottonwood@inebraska.com)

[www.cottonwood-festival.org](http://www.cottonwood-festival.org)

I have read, understand, and agree with the description and rules of the 2010 Cottonwood’s Got Talent Contest:

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

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For Office Use Only:

Applicant # \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time Received \_\_\_\_\_

2010 Cottonwood Festival  
**“Cottonwood’s Got Talent”**  
Official Contest Rules  
Preliminary & Final Rounds – June 19

**Description:** “Cottonwood’s Got Talent” is an amateur talent contest with competition in two categories:

Category 1 - Ages 5 to 15

Category 2 – Age 16 and above

Any person or group that has received \$1,000 cash or more (or equivalent payment in kind) for any one performance, including pageants, talent scholarship money, or a talent competition, is not eligible to compete. Nor may a contestant be a member of any performer’s union or associated trade union. There is a one year competition exclusion for the previous year’s winner. Contestants will be judged on 1) talent, 2) performance skills and stage presence and 3) creativity. After the preliminary round, five finalists will be selected from each category. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each category.

**The registration fee is \$15.** The fee includes one ticket that will admit entrance (Saturday only) for the contestant into Brickyard Park and the Cottonwood Festival.

Contest entrants will submit an official entry form for first-round preliminary judging. Deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2010. You may pre-register by obtaining an application from the Cottonwood Festival office (301 S. Burlington, Suite 120) or you may obtain an application on-line at [www.cottonwood-festival.org](http://www.cottonwood-festival.org). then drop it off or mail it to the Cottonwood Festival office. The contest is limited to the first 20 contestants who pre-register.

**Preliminaries – Saturday, June 19:** Contestants will perform at the Cottonwood Festival on the Stage on the Green beginning at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 19. Judges will score contestants and the 5 acts from each category with the highest scores will move on to the final judging.

**Final Competition – Saturday, June 19:** The final round begins at 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The 5 acts in each category receiving the highest scores from the preliminary round will perform, again on the Stage on the Green. Judges will select first, second and third place winners for each category.

**Additional Rules:**

- Contest is open to everyone falling in the age categories listed.
- Under 18: EVERYONE under the age of 18 must have permission from their parents or legal guardian to be a contestant AND MUST be accompanied by one parent or guardian.
- Animal Acts: All acts with animals must arrive at the contest with immunization papers.
- Acts must be under 4 minutes in length. Time restrictions will be strictly enforced.
- Set-up time for acts is limited to 5 minutes
- Vocal solos or groups must provide their own accompaniment. Entrants may provide a pre-recorded music track on CD or utilize instruments and/or equipment they provide themselves. CDs must be marked with the contestant’s name. NO piano or keyboard will be available or provided for acts, so plan accordingly.
- Due to equipment and time constraints, no instrumental groups of over two people will be eligible to enter.

- Judges will consider only material that is suitable for public performance
- If you are selected to advance to the finals, you must perform the same song/act that you performed in the preliminary round
- The decision of the judges and contest organizers relating to entry qualifications and placement in any and all stages of the competition is final
- The Cottonwood Festival committee along with their agents, employees, volunteers, officials and representatives will not be responsible for any personal injury received during the talent show.
- Winners consent to the use of their names and likenesses for advertising and trade purposes without additional compensation including, but not limited to, publication of their names and photographs (if requested).
- Winners are responsible for all federal, state and local taxes.
- All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.

**2010 Prize Money: 16 years of age and above**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$300
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100

**2010 Prize: Ages 5 – 15**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500 Savings Bond
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$300 Savings Bond
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100 Savings Bond

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**CONSENT FORM**

*If the contestant is under the age of 18 years, the parent or legal guardian of such person should sign below.*

I hereby warrant that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of the individual who signed the foregoing Contestant Registration Form, that I am at least 18 years of age, that I have caused said individual to execute said Contestant Registration Form, that I will not instruct, authorize or permit said individual to disaffirm the foregoing Contestant Registration Form, and that I will indemnify the Cottonwood Festival committee along with their agents, employees, volunteers, officials and representatives from and against any and all claims, liabilities and expenses with respect to said Contestant Registration Form.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian