



# Brown County 4-H Creative Arts Festival Plays and Skits Guidelines

The two categories are Plays and Skits.

Skits must be between 5 minutes and 15 minutes long. Plays must be between 16 minutes and 30 minutes long.

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 music, lighting, and sound effects, holding or moving props, etc. from an off stage location. Adults can also help move props on and off the stage between scenes.

Plays and skits can be of any appropriate theme. Drama, comedy, and creative novelty are among the theme ideas that can be considered. Individual members can perform in more than one skit or play. Plays and Skits may have performers from multiple 4-H clubs.

Please fill out a separate form for each performance.

Props, costumes, makeup, music, and sound effects can be used to enhance the quality of the performance.

Modest attire or costuming must be selected.

A short introduction can be given for the performance. This introduction can include information about the author, the setting, or other circumstances about your selection. The time for any introduction information is included in the overall time for your performance. Deviation from the stated time limits will be considered by the judges when evaluating the performance for awards.

After each performance, all participants of that Performance will meet with the judges for an individual verbal and written evaluation.

Blue (1<sup>st</sup> place) or red (2<sup>nd</sup> place) ribbons will be awarded for all entries. Any number of blue or red ribbons can be presented overall for each Play/Skit category.

All performers will be eligible for individual recognition. This award is a “Best Individual Performance” certificate. More than one individual from the same performance can be recognized for this award.

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

- Best Skit (certificate and traveling trophy)
- Honorable Mention Skit (certificate)
- Best Play (certificate and traveling trophy)
- Honorable Mention Play (certificate)