

## Montgomery County Fair Association National Anthem Contest

**Contest Deadline: March 15, 2024 by 5:00 pm**

**Entries must be submitted online at <https://mcfa.org/national-anthem-contest/>**

**Video submissions must be emailed to [events@mcfa.org](mailto:events@mcfa.org)**

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The Montgomery County Fair Association National Anthem Contest is subject to the Montgomery County Fair General Rules and to the Special Rules of this contest. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail. Contestants are restricted to participants who reside in Montgomery County, Texas.

Any dispute or issue with the contest or the rules laid out below will be presented to the Contest Coordinator(s), who will consult with members of the Montgomery County National Anthem committee. Their decisions will be final.

### Special Rules for the National Anthem Contest

- 1. Entry Fee:** A non-refundable entry fee of \$10 will be charged during online registration.
- 2.** Both online entry **AND** emailed video submission are required to participate in this contest. Entry forms **MUST** be submitted at <https://mcfa.org/national-anthem-contest/>. Video submissions **MUST** be emailed to [events@mcfa.org](mailto:events@mcfa.org). Videos should consist of the contestant singing the National Anthem, with no background music, and be no longer than 60 seconds.

**Received entries will receive an email indicating receipt.** If no receipt email is received, it is the contestant's responsibility to contact the contest coordinator on the following day to make alternate submission arrangements. A sent email with a timestamp may be required for proof of submission by the deadline.

- 3. Eligibility:** This contest is open to students between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18) and should be enrolled in and attending a public or private elementary or secondary school in Montgomery County (including home school). Contestants must be passing all subjects for the semester or grading period immediately preceding the contest, as certified by a school official on the entry form.

- 4. Entry Limitation:** Contestants may only submit one (1) accapella video submission no longer than 60 seconds.
  
- 5. Awards/Performances:**
  - a. Winners of this contest will be notified no later than two (2) weeks prior to fair time via email. All effort will be made to notify contest winners. If no response is received by the given deadline, the participant will forfeit their placing and winnings.
  
  - b. All winners must perform at the following events of their respective placing AND perform at a minimum of two (2) other events and/or livestock shows throughout the duration of the fair that are NOT listed with their placing's performance requirements. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of a contestant's placing and awards associated. A schedule of all performance opportunities will be provided by the committee.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Cash Prize
      - Performance #1: Saturday Rodeo - Saturday, April 13, 2024
      - Performance #2: Livestock Auction - Wednesday, April 17, 2024
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cash Prize
      - Performance #1: Friday Rodeo – Friday, April 12, 2024
      - Performance #2: Non-Livestock Auction – Monday, April 15, 2024
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Cash Prize
      - Performance #1: Pet Parade/Steer Show – Tuesday, April 16, 2024
      - Performance #2: Replacement Heifer Auction – Thursday, April 18, 2024
    - Other placings and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the National Anthem committee. Additional placings will be invited to perform at other events throughout the week during the fair!
  
- 6. Eligibility of Previous Winners:** Winners of the National Anthem contest are eligible to participate in subsequent years.
  
- 7. Judging:** An anonymous, third-party panel of judges will be the sole providers of contest placings. The National Anthem Committee will not be present or have a say in any contest placings.