



March 2023

TO: Selected Talent Members

FROM: Trevor Lucas, FFA Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: 2023 State FFA Convention

Congratulations on being selected by the State Convention Talent Director to perform at this year's convention! The details of your performance(s), including the date, time, and location(s), are posted here. Once you have identified the location(s) of your performance(s), please review the specific instructions for that location provided below. In the event that you are unable to perform, please notify the state FFA office immediately (trevor.lucas@careertech.ok.gov) so that an alternate member may be selected.

Please note that all selected talent members must wear Official FFA Dress to participate in the state talent program. Members performing a "dance routine" must wear conservative clothing that would be approved by their local school board of education for use at a local school function. Any exceptions to this rule must be cleared through Trevor Lucas at the state office prior to the convention. Please ask your FFA advisor to call Mr. Lucas at 405-743-5461. Female FFA members are required to wear an Official Dress skirt that is no shorter than one inch above the knee, or a nice pair of dress slacks. All male members must be clean-shaven. If you do not follow these requirements, you and your chapter will not be considered for Talent at future FFA conventions!

The State Convention Talent Program is generously co-sponsored by Arvest Bank, and Next Era Energy. It would be greatly appreciated if you would write a note of thanks to:

Mr. Brain Nave
Arvest Bank
PO Box 1089
Shawnee, OK 74801

Nico Ciccone
Next Era Energy
700 Universe Blvd.
Juno Beach, FL 33410

BOK Arena:

If performing in the BOK Arena, you are required to upload your backing audio tracks for the selected song(s) to the Dropbox link provided, by Monday, April 3. *If we do not receive your music by April 3, you will not be performing!* Please clearly identify your name, FFA chapter, and the title of the backing audio track. When saving your track to your computer, please use the format specified below before uploading to Dropbox.

Example file name: Erwin Tiffany, Cooperton FFA, Ring of Fire

Backing Audio Dropbox Link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/6Inq20edysuss9YoSydD>

Once you have uploaded your track, please send an email to Mr. Barnes at kelly@kellybarnes.com with your contact cell phone number, as well as your FFA advisor's name and cell phone number.

Kelly will program your track into our sound system before the start of the convention. No changes can be made on site. Obviously, if you are playing an instrument and providing your own sound, you will only be required to send an email to Mr. Barnes with your contact cell phone number, as well as your FFA advisor's name and cell phone number. This is so Mr. Barnes can reach you and/or your FFA advisor if needed on the date of your performance.

You are expected to show up for a **SOUNDCHECK** immediately following the conclusion of the General Session just prior to the General Session you will be performing. For example, if you are performing in Session Three, you are required to do your sound check with Mr. Barnes at the conclusion of Session Two. Please check in with Kelly Barnes at the Sound Booth located on the Arena floor level behind delegate seating. During the General Session you are to perform, please find the seat with your name on it in VIP Section One at least 20-minutes before the start of the session. The Arena Talent Manager will escort you backstage at the appropriate time.

Talent Competition: There were three FFA members selected to participate in the preshow talent competition during each of the first five General Sessions. Using the mobile app polling option, FFA members in the Arena will select one winner from each preshow (voting only takes place during the preshow talent). That will make 5 Talent Competition finalists. In addition, one member will be selected by a committee of judges from the Expo talent stage. That makes a total of 6 talent finalists that will participate in the Talent Competition Finals on Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 p.m. The app polling option will again be used during the Talent Competition Finals to select the **2023 State Convention Talent Winner**. The winner will be announced during the Sixth General Session and will receive a \$1,000 cash award. You are required to perform the exact same music in the Talent Competition Finals that you performed in the General Session preshow. No changes. No exceptions.

To ensure that mobile app voters can correctly identify the candidate they are voting for, we kindly request that you provide a **digital headshot photograph** of yourself in Official FFA Dress. The photo should be taken from the bust-up and will be displayed alongside your name on the mobile app's poll. Please upload your photo to the Dropbox link provided below no later than **Monday, April 3**. *Please note that this is a separate link from the one provided above.*

Headshot Photograph Dropbox link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/gSxS5EAfiGYazE4GoY7S>

Expo Talent Stage:

If performing on the Expo Talent Stage, **please bring your backing audio tracks on a laptop or tablet and/or instruments with you** and check-in with the Expo Talent Stage Manager, 15-minutes before you are scheduled to perform. You are required to perform the music that was selected for you by the Talent Director. No changes. No exceptions. We will have all of the necessary hookups for any instruments you might have, so there is no need for you to bring your own cords.

Talent Competition: One talent member performing on the Expo Talent Stage over the course of the two-day convention will be selected by a committee of judges to be one of six finalists in the Talent Competition Finals, Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 p.m., in the BOK Arena. The announcement of this individual will be made at the close of the Fifth General Session in the BOK Arena. This individual will need to check in with Kelly Barnes at the sound booth in the BOK Arena as soon as possible after the announcement has been made. The overall winner will be announced during the Sixth General Session and will receive a \$1,000 cash award. You must perform the exact same music in the Talent Competition Finals that you performed in the Expo. No changes. No exceptions.

If you have preconvention important questions, you need to ask our Talent Director, Mr. Barnes can be reached at kelly@kellybarnes.com, or 405-761-7837.

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2023 STATE FFA CONVENTION TALENT

GENERAL SESSION #1 – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 9:30 a.m. – BOK ARENA

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| 1. Kirsten Lattimer, Porter – “Tennessee Orange” | Talent Competition |
| 2. Noah Collins, Walters – “Beautiful Lies” | Talent Competition |
| 3. Grace Wright, Stratford – “Fishing in the Dark” | Talent Competition |

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 11:00 a.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Claire Allen, Erick – “You All Over Me”
2. Rim Smith, Edmond – “The Big Nothing”
3. Dallas Nation, Webbers Falls – “Traveling Man”
4. Evan Garrett, Luther – “Guitar Solo - Artist Choice”
5. Aubrie Rexwinkle, Wagoner – Dance

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 12:00 noon – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Addison Kennedy, Wagoner – Dance
2. Cherokee Wilson, Gore – “Tin Man”
3. Rayln Yoder, Inola – “Something in the Orange”
4. Travis Dick, Oklahoma Union – “Til You Can’t”
5. Wren Watkins, Pryor – “Me and Bobby McGee”

GENERAL SESSION #2 - TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1:15 p.m. – BOK ARENA

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| 1. Aaron Chesnut, Rush Springs – “Something in the Orange” | Talent Competition |
| 2. Adalee Howell, Moore – “Girl Goin Nowhere” | Talent Competition |
| 3. Aubrianna Smith, Collinsville “All Your’n” | Talent Competition |
| 4. Jacey Bordwine, Dibble – “Turn on the Radio” | Parent Recognition |

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1:00 p.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Ashlei Hannah, Broken Bow – Tap Dance
2. Leah Gardner, Salina – “Broken Halos”
3. Jackie Williams, Whitesboro – “Traveling Soldier”
4. Trinity Horton, Rush Springs – “Something in the Water”
5. Cambry Boyles and Chloe Faulkner, Stigler – Colorguard

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2:00 p.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Makenna Owens, Tatum Buck, & Emma Daniel, Calera – Dance
2. Dylan Shoestock, Foyil – “Guitar Solo”
3. Jenna Burgess, Welch – “American Soldier
4. Caroline Gaye, Tipton – “Bless the Broken Road”
5. Cora Hunt, Central High – Instrumental

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 3:00 p.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Sienna Yetter, Allen – “Leavin’ on Your Mind”
2. Harleigh Davis, Tipton – “The House That Built Me”
3. Bella Muncy, Red Oak – “Desperado”
4. Matthew Cooke, Tipton – “Trumpet - Artist Choice”
5. Sam Hodges, Stigler – “Pitchin Fits”

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 4:00 p.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Shana Grantham, Spiro – “Hallelujah”
2. Randon Folsom, Weatherford – “Devil Wears a Suit & Tie”
3. Kirsten Lattimer, Porter – “Traveling Soldier”
4. Fisher Hodson, Mannford – “Follow You to Virgie”

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 5:00 p.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Lakshmi Apoorva Dasari, Edmond – Dance
2. Dusti Ozment, Tecumseh – “Fingers Crossed”
3. Alivia Wright, Haworth – “Heart Like a Truck”
4. Adalee Howell, Moore – “Girl Goin Nowhere”

GENERAL SESSION #3 - TUESDAY, MAY 2, 6:15 p.m. – BOK ARENA

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| 1. Blaize Herriman & Isaiah Terrell, Webbers Falls – “The Jig” | Talent Competition |
| 2. Kaylee Junghanns, Medford – “Tin Man” | Talent Competition |
| 3. Lucy and Ginger Cochran, Atoka – “Lady May” | Talent Competition |
| 4. Aaron Chestnut, Rush Springs – “Good Lord Lorie” | Honorary Degree |

GENERAL SESSION #4 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 8:15 a.m. – BOK ARENA

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| 1. Jessica Goucher, Waynoka – “Golden Hour” | Talent Competition |
| 2. Fisher Hodson, Mannford – “Follow You to Virgie” | Talent Competition |
| 3. Landri Jones, Weatherford – “Go Rest High on That Mountain” | Talent Competition |
| 4. Kirsten Lattimer, Porter – “Jolene” | WLC Scholarships |
| 5. Allison Sampler & Carson Frees, Cache – “YMCA” | Business Session |

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 10:30 a.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Kassidy Pameticky, Canton – “Neon Moon”
2. Sage Rector, Salina – “The 30th”
3. Boston Breshears, Oologah – “Sweet Summertime”
4. Vastina Chea, Tipton “Lost Boy”
5. Landri Jones, Weatherford – “Go Rest High”

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 11:30 a.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Ashlee Purvine, Thomas-Fay-Custer – “Jolene”
2. Brooklyn Rader, Mustang – “Hello”
3. Noah Collins, Walters – “Beautiful Lies”
4. Ryan Carlile, Wilson – “Jealous”
5. Isabella Whitlock, Silo – “Mamas Broken Heart”

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 12:30 p.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Allison Sampler & Carson Frees, Cache – Instrumental
2. Hunter Duke & Sam Whitlock, Durant and Silo – “Porch Swing Angel”
3. Caleby Lauderdale, Elmore City-Purnell – “The A Team”
4. Jayce Tolison, Broken Bow – “Good Lord Lorrie”
5. Katie Wright, Chandler – “Jolene”

GENERAL SESSION #5 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1:15 p.m. – BOK ARENA

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| 1. Ivey Ellis, Paden – “Diamonds and Gasoline” | Talent Competition |
| 2. Wren Watkins, Pryor – “Me and Bobby McGee” | Talent Competition |
| 3. Clara Duncan, Chickasha – “Jolene” | Talent Competition |
| 4. The Pride of Central High FFA – Instrumental | State Stars |
| 5. Kennedy Jeter, Collinsville – “Fever Pitch” | Proficiency Awards |

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1:30 p.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Kylie Ringressy, Calera – “Fly”
2. Rylee Townsend, Ryan – “Feeling Good”
3. Malynna Vail, Vinita – “Hold My Hand”
4. Shaylyna and Braylyn City, Broken Bow – “Tattoos”

EXPO SHOW TALENT STAGE – WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2:30 p.m. – PEPSI EXHIBIT HALL

1. Katy Diedrich, Marlow – Artist Choice
2. Ethan Shoulders, Texhoma – “A Tornado Warning”
3. Kaylee Junghanns, Medford – “Jolene”
4. Reality Atkins, Hollis – “Talking to The Moon”
5. Annah Gray, Atoka – “In the Blood”

TALENT SHOW - WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 6:00 p.m. – BOK ARENA

1. Session 1 Talent Winner
2. Session 2 Talent Winner
3. Session 3 Talent Winner
4. Expo Show Talent Winner
5. Session 4 Talent Winner
6. Session 5 Talent Winner

GENERAL SESSION #6 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 6:30 p.m. – BOK ARENA

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| 1. Talent Winner | New State Officer |
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