

Oh Say Can You Sing...

The National Anthem?????

The Florida State Fair Agribusiness Department is looking for talented Florida FFA, 4-H and YLPA members who would like to sing the National Anthem during different events at the Florida State Fair, February 8th—19th, 2024.

1. 4-H, FFA and YLPA Members must compose an original video of them singing the National Anthem. Video must be sung A Cappella (with no background music) as if they were singing at the Fair.
2. Each student must complete the Online Registration Form by **January 11th, 2024**. The Online Registration Form is located on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website – www.floridastatefairag.com.
3. **All videos will need to be uploaded to YouTube or texted to (813) 373-3421 on or before January 11th.** The video link must be included with the Online Registration Form or indicate that it was sent via text message.
4. Exhibitors are asked to be in official dress at all singing events during the Fair.
5. **Only Florida residents that are bona fide 4-H and YLPA members (8 years old or older as of Sept. 1, 2023) or FFA members will be eligible.** All entrants must be currently active in the 4-H Club program, YLPA Club program or the Vocational Agricultural Program in Florida.
6. All videos will be reviewed, and the selected students will be notified by February 1st. Several singers will be selected to perform at different events during the 2024 Florida State Fair.
7. Failure to adhere to the rules may result in disqualification, which is the decision of the judges.
8. Videos become the property of the Florida State Fair with rights to publish for promotion.
9. Special gifts will be given to all the youth that are selected to participate.

How to Create a Video

1. Preparing to Video the Singer

- a. Equipment
 - Video Camera, Camera with video ability
 - Microphone
 - Tripod
 - Lights
- b. Person to shoot the video
- c. Set –up of your video location
 - Small room – normal 8’ ceiling height
 - Make sure the light source is to the camera’s back
- d. Filming
 - Film at a time without distracting noise, traffic, phone ringing, etc
 - A good video has excellent audio. Types of microphones are **lavaliere** (clip-on), **hand-held**, and **shotgun** (very long and attached to camera- very sensitive). Many cameras have audio, check if an external microphone such as a lavaliere can be used. Test your internal microphone before filming. If you can use an external microphone, a lavaliere microphone is suggested. It allows for movement as you demonstrate.
- e. Lighting
 - Test the lighting in the room for a sample video shot. Will it wash out the singer or cast shadows? The lighting should be parallel to the camera towards the film area.

2. Lights – Camera – ACTION

- a. Practice first before shooting
- b. After a few practice runs, now shoot a sample
- c. Review the video
 - Does it appear seamless?*
 - How is the lighting? Are there problem areas to fix?*
 - Is the audio clear and understandable?*
- d. When you are satisfied with your video, make sure you save it with your Title, Name and County

3. Submitting Your Video and Registration Form

- a. Deadline is **January 11th, 2024**

- Registration Forms are located under the tab **Participants/Competitions & Shows/Specialty Shows** on this website <http://www.floridastatefairag.com>
- Click on the Oh Say Can You Sing – On-Line Registration Form. Fill out the form electronically and submit the form. Make sure all required information is included – especially the **unlisted link** to your YouTube video.

Video Submission: *YouTube.com*

- Upload as **Unlisted** so that only you and the Florida State Fair have access.
- File Format must be .MP4 or .WMV
- Instructions are available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3JvQAPY9eY>

Check how the video displays on YouTube...if it does not post as you would like, then troubleshoot and re-do or upload again. Be sure to identify this is an edited video in your title.

Video Submission: Text Message

- **Text the recorded video to (813) 373-3421**