Maryland has TONS of talented 4-Hers! Some of those talents will be showcased on Congress’ last evening, after the Celebration Banquet. If you are interested in performing your talent you can apply for the talent show when you register for Maryland 4-H Congress.

You may share any talent than can be reasonably performed in an indoor space such as in front of a banquet room. You must provide all costumes, props, musical instruments, recorded music, etc for your performance. Performances should be in good taste and appropriate to youth/family audiences.

To apply for Maryland 4-H Congress Talent Show do the following:

**Step 1:** Check the “I want to apply for the Talent Show” when you register for Maryland 4-H Congress via 4-H Online.

**Step 2:** Prepare an audition video that you will upload for review. Your audition video should show you performing your talent in its entirety as you would perform at Maryland 4-H Congress. If you will use costumes and/or props, be sure the video shows you performing in/with them.

- You may use a video of you performing your talent at a competition or other event; you do not have to create a new video if you already have one from a previous performance.

**Step 3:** Upload your audition video to YouTube as an **UNLISTED** video.
Step 4: Complete and submit the online Talent Show application form at this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MD4HC-Talent-App
  - Cut/paste the link to your UNLISTED YouTube video in the space provided

**TALENT SHOW APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY 11:59 PM ON MAY 31, 2016.**

Talent Show Coordinators will choose approximately 8-12 Maryland 4-Hers to showcase their talents. Delegates chosen for the Talent Show will be notified several weeks prior to Maryland 4-H Congress and may be asked to provide personal profile information and a photo for publicity. All applicants will be notified by e-mail whether they were selected for the Talent Show.
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