



CATEGORY IS..... TALENT PREPARING FOR NATIONALS

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Preparation is key. My goal is to help as many contestants prepare as possible for EOY, FI. Of course, there is not a "secret" formula to any category. But, I can share what I did, what I learned and my perspective - and hopefully that helps you in your process. A wise pageant queen once told me that your competition is with "yourself" - go into the pageant contest giving your best, most diverse, quality winning package. Don't worry about what others are doing - focus on YOU.

How do I prepare for the TALENT CATEGORY?

Total of 100 points possible per judge.



BASICS: Talent may be any type of entertainment - as long as its legal and does not harm or endanger anyone. No restrictions on number of persons who can be involved in your talent. Seven minutes maximum time limit. Prop set up and break down time is five minutes total. No restrictions on number of persons who can be involved in your talent. You may use music and/or video. More criteria is online at EOY.net to review.

Show us what you got! This category is what EOY is all about - "stellar entertainment." The most points are possible here - so think hard on what you should do. Remember this category does not carry over to final night. You can change your talent for final night or add something more to the talent. My personal advice is to change something up on final night - although that is not required.

Research is key here. Remember to spend some time watching the talent of the winner, first alternate and second alternate from the last three years. Check out the videos at Click Click Expose.

EOY has an extremely diverse array of types of talents that either have won or do extremely well. You want to have a highly entertaining talent that moves the audience - whether through comedy/laughter, sadness and or all the emotions. Costumes and entertainment value should be top-notch. The 100 points is broken down in the following areas: Costume (5 points), Hair/Makeup (5 points), Precision of Medium Used (40 points) and Entertainment Value (50 points).

Personally speaking, I always chose a talent that I REALLY enjoyed doing. Something I believed in. I tried to choose a talent that told a story and/or shared something about myself. You will likely spend a lot of time and money on your talent, so make it something you love - and you are guaranteed to SHINE.

Please Note: The purpose of these preparation tips are to offer perspective from Buff Faye, the current National Titleholder of Entertainer of the Year, FI. Read over the website and the contestant packet for all categories, pageant rules and regulations when available online at **EOY.net**.

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