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\$10,000 Grand Prize at Stake in 47th Annual Amateur Talent Contest *Audition Registration Closes Wednesday, July 24*

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St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota State Fair’s Amateur Talent Contest offers a \$10,000 grand prize, plus thousands of dollars in additional cash awards. Registration for auditions is open to everyone through 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 24. The contest’s sponsor, JACK’S[®] Pizza, is providing the grand prize and special prize packages including:

- Open Division Grand Prize: \$10,000, an exclusive JACK’S[®] Pizza Prize Pack and one year’s worth of JACK’S[®] Pizza
- Open Division 2nd Place: \$2,500 and an exclusive JACK’S[®] Pizza Prize Pack and one year’s worth of JACK’S[®] Pizza
- Open Division 3rd Place: \$1,000 and an exclusive JACK’S[®] Pizza Prize Pack and one year’s worth of JACK’S[®] Pizza
- Teen and Preteen Divisions 1st Place: \$2,500 and an exclusive JACK’S[®] Pizza Prize Pack and one year’s worth of JACK’S[®] Pizza
- Teen and Preteen Divisions 2nd Place: \$750 and an exclusive JACK’S[®] Pizza Prize Pack and one year’s worth of JACK’S[®] Pizza
- Teen and Preteen Divisions 3rd Place: \$500 and an exclusive JACK’S[®] Pizza Prize Pack and one year’s worth of JACK’S[®] Pizza

JACK’S[®] Pizza Prize Packs include: Bluetooth headphones, grill kit with apron, pizza beach blanket, pizza cutter, aluminum water bottle, baseball cap, lanyard, cinch bag and clip magnet.

In total, nearly \$20,000 in prize money will be awarded to the first- through third-place winners in three divisions: Open Division (any age), Teen Division (ages 13-18) and Preteen Division (ages 12 and under).

Auditions run Monday, July 22, through Sunday, July 28, at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell on the fairgrounds and begin at 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The public is invited to attend audition sessions and watch for free. From auditions, semifinalists will be selected to perform during the first 10 days of this year’s Minnesota State Fair at 6 p.m. on the Leinie Lodge Bandshell stage. Winners from the semifinals will compete in the finals at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1, at the Grandstand. The finals are open to the public and free with fair admission.

Participants are encouraged to register online at mnstatefair.org. Entry forms may also be printed and returned through the mail. For more information, call 651-288-4395 or email msfent@mnstatefair.org.

About JACK’S[®] Pizza:

It all started back in 1960 in the family garage in Little Chute, Wis. Delivery was courtesy of the family’s 1949 Plymouth – with a single bucket seat. Times were pretty simple back then, and JACK’S[®] was one of life’s simple pleasures. After all, JACK’S[®] is still made with 100% real Wisconsin cheese and an extra-crispy crust that never lets you down. And while the company has grown, the recipe remains much the same. Today, JACK’S[®] Pizza continues the tradition that started more than 50 years ago, providing pizza lovers everywhere with the same great quality and taste they’ve come to love and enjoy, indoors or outside off the grill.

About the Minnesota State Fair: The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world, attracting more than 2 million visitors annually. Showcasing Minnesota’s finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is always 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information. The 2019 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 22 - Labor Day, Sept. 2.