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HURON, S.D. - Local singers can make their voices heard at the Dakota Star Talent Competition sponsored by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union at the South Dakota State Fair. More than \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to Dakota Star division winners.

The grand prize winner in the adult division wins a cash prize of \$1,000, the title of “2019 Dakota Star,” and the opportunity to star in his/her own commercial promoting Dakota Star on KTTW Fox. In addition, the winner will be awarded a three-hour recording studio session with Cathouse Studio and the opportunity to perform on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage during the 2020 South Dakota State Fair, as well as emcee the 2020 Dakota Star talent competition.

Alongside soloists, new this year is the opportunity for duos and trios to compete!

There are two age divisions for Dakota Star – Junior (12 through 17 years) and Adult (18 years and older). Applications for the 17th Annual Dakota Star Talent Competition sponsored by Dakotaland Federal Credit Union are now available online at www.sdstatefair.com or at the State Fair office. The deadline for entering the talent competition is Monday, Aug. 19, at 5 p.m.

Preliminary competition begins on Friday, Aug. 30, and ends on Sunday, Sept. 1. Dakota Star finals will be held on Monday, Sept. 2. The talent competition is held on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage.

Sponsors of the 2019 Dakota Star are Dakotaland Federal Credit Union and KTTW-FOX. Dakotaland Federal Credit Union has locations in Huron, Volga, Brookings, Madison, Aberdeen, Redfield, DeSmet, Mitchell, Woonsocket and Watertown. With 37,000 members and \$357 million in assets, Dakotaland continues to be locally owned and operated, offering a full-line of financial services to its membership since 1935.

The 2019 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 29, through Monday, Sept. 2. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 28. This year’s theme is “There’s No Time Like Fair Time.” For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800.529.0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

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