



GENERAL RULES

- **Pre-Registration is strongly encouraged.** You may register at: tnvalleyfair.org/p/competitions. Registration will open July 15th, 2022, and will end on September 2nd, 2022. Capitalize on early registration, and the lower entry fee! There will be on-site registration available, but a late fee in addition to the original entry fee will be collected at that time. On-site registration will only take place at the entrance of Home Hamilton Amphitheatre beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 10th, 2022.
- All pre-registered individuals with paid entry fee and proper registration documents will receive a free admission fair ticket for the day of competition. Those entering the Band competition will receive a free ticket for each band member. All tickets will be mailed to the address on the registration form. Discounted tickets may be purchased for \$8.00 for family, friends, spectators, etc. until September 8th. After that date, the regular general admission price will be \$12.00.
- Prize money will be awarded the day of the competition, and will be in the form of a check from The Tennessee Valley Fair. Checks not cashed within 60 days become void, and will NOT be reissued.
- Note: Covid-19 exposure is an inherent risk in any public location where people are present. Guests should only attend after evaluating their own health risks. The Tennessee Valley Fair cannot guarantee you will not be exposed during your visit.
- All Judges' decisions are final. However, in the event if necessary, all protests will be determined by the Executive Committee and must be in writing to the Executive Director, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the grounds for the protest. A protest will not be given consideration unless it is accompanied by a deposit of \$50, which deposit will be forfeited to the Fair in the event the party fails to sustain its protest. All protests must be filed within 12 hours after the award is made.
- All judges will be of sound mind, and will be familiar with the art of in which they are judging.
- All participants who enter the fairgrounds, must follow all rules set forth by The Tennessee Valley Fair. All rules may be found at: tnvalleyfair.org.
- All songs must be from the public domain, or be your own original music played in traditional style. Absolutely NO copyrighted music.
- Playing time is limited to 5 minutes for instrument contests and 15 minutes for band contests.
- Acoustic, non-electrical instruments only.
- By performing, all contestants agree that The Tennessee Valley Fair may reproduce any photographs taken, and or record performances to fit their need, and will do so free of any claim by participants/contestants.

SPECIFIC TO BAND CONTESTS:

- Each band must play three songs and must not exceed 15 minutes.
- Bands will register under band name, listing all individual members, and must consist of at least 3 members.
- Fiddle and banjo players may only play with one band. Other players may play in other band configurations as needed. Individual members may enter as many individual contests as they like.
- To qualify, a band must consist of at least 3 different instruments - Up to seven members allowed in the band.
- There are no age restrictions for bands.

SPECIFIC TO INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENT CONTESTS:

- Each individual contestant must play two songs - an up tempo tune and a slow tempo tune which together do not exceed 5 minutes.
 - Each individual contestant may have one musical accompaniment including folk song. Backup instrument will be different from contestant instrument, and will not be considered in grading criteria.
 - Instrument genre categories will be judged upon the merit of their playing style.
 - The children's individual instrument categories are for contestants age 18 and under. Children under 18 may enter an adult contest by registering in the 18 & above category. They may ONLY enter ONE OR THE OTHER, not both.
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TENNESSEE VALLEY FAIR MOUNTAIN MUSIC SHOWDOWN

FIDDLE - BANJO - MANDOLIN - GUITAR - BAND
Homer Hamilton Amphitheatre



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 6:00PM

Phone: (865) 215-1480 Fax: (865) 215-1483 E-mail: contests@tnvalleyfair.org

ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2022

**Register online at: <https://www.tnvalleyfair.org/p/competitions>
OR mail entry form to: P.O. Box 6066, Knoxville, TN 37914-0066**

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

BAND CONTEST
TRADITIONAL MUSIC
(BLUEGRASS & OLD-TIME)

(must have 3 band members)

\$25 Entry Fee per Band before September 2nd

\$50 Entry Fee after September 2nd/or on-site

1st thru 3rd prize winnings below:

\$1000, \$500, \$250

Band Name: _____

Number of Band Members: _____

Band Hometown: _____

Band Members: _____

Individual Judging Criteria: Intonation: Tuning & Tonal Qualities (20 points possible), Timing - Accurate and consistent rhythm (20 points possible), Difficulty - Complexity of selections (20 points possible), Technique - Dexterity in performance (20 points possible), Selection - Choice of tunes appropriate to category (20 points possible)

Band Judging Criteria: Lead Vocal, Harmony Vocals, Instrumentation, Rhythm

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AGES 18 & UP
TRADITIONAL MUSIC
(BLUEGRASS & OLD-TIME)

(indicate entry selection below)

\$10 Entry Fee per person, per instrument before September 2nd

\$15 Entry Fee per person, per instrument after September 2nd/or on-site

1st thru 4th prize winnings below:

Fiddle: _____ \$200, \$100, \$50, \$25

Banjo: _____ \$100, \$75, \$50, \$10

Mandolin: _____ \$100, \$75, \$50, \$10

Guitar: _____ \$100, \$75, \$50, \$10

AGES 17 & BELOW
TRADITIONAL MUSIC
(BLUEGRASS & OLD-TIME)

(indicate entry selection below)

\$5 Entry Fee per person, per instrument before September 2nd

\$10 Entry Fee per person, per instrument after September 2nd/or on-site

1st thru 4th prize winnings below:

Fiddle: _____ \$30, \$20, \$10, Ribbon

Banjo: _____ \$30, \$20, \$10, Ribbon

Mandolin: _____ \$30, \$20, \$10, Ribbon

Guitar: _____ \$30, \$20, \$10, Ribbon