



MUSIC CONTESTS

SATURDAY, May 23

Registration - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Old-Time Stage	Senior Old-Time Fiddle (60 and over)
	Youth Old-Time Fiddle (15 and under)
	Old-Time Fiddle (59 and under)
Circle Stage	Bluegrass Banjo Mandolin

SUNDAY, May 24

Registration - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Old-Time Stage...	Senior Old-Time Banjo (60 and over) Lap Dulcimer Old-Time Banjo (59 and under)
	Registration - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Circle Stage.....	Youth Flatpick Guitar (15 and under) Flatpick Guitar

CONTEST RULES

- All contestants must be West Virginia residents.**
- Each contestant must play two (2) tunes appropriate for the category entered.
 - Remember that popular crowd-pleasing tunes may not be best choices for judging.
 - Medley-style tunes are not acceptable.
- Each contestant may have a maximum of two (2) accompanists.
- No electric instruments are allowed.
- Scruggs tuners may not be used in the banjo competition.
- In case of a broken string, the contestant may replay.
- In case of major tuning changes, contestant may replay tune.
- Awards ceremonies for most contests will take place following the contest.

AWARDS

Senior (60 and over) and 59 and under categories:

First Place - \$400
Second Place - \$250
Third Place - \$150
Fourth Place - \$75
Fifth Place - \$50

Youth (15 and under) category:

First Place - \$75
Second Place - \$50
Third Place - \$25

WINNERS

- To process monetary awards, winners must complete a standard W-9 form, an invoice form, and supply the Department of Arts, Culture and History with Social Security numbers.
 - Youth winners must have their own Social Security numbers and be accompanied by a parent when completing the forms. Parents' Social Security numbers are not acceptable.
- Winners will receive award checks in the mail within three weeks of Vandalia Gathering as long as all paper work is completed by Sunday, May 24.
- First-place winners in the 2020 old-time fiddle, old-time banjo, bluegrass banjo, mandolin, lap dulcimer and flatpick guitar contests will not be eligible to compete in that category in 2021.
 - This rule does not apply to the Senior (60 and over) category.
 - This rule does not apply to the Youth category unless that person placed first in the 59 and under category as well as the Youth category.

JUDGING CATEGORIES

- Intonation** - Tuning and tonal qualities
- Timing** - Accurate and consistent rhythm
- Difficulty** - Complexity of selections
- Technique** - Dexterity in performance
- Selection** - Choice of tunes appropriate to category

Judging will be done by acknowledged out-of-state experts. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Contestants will not be given final score sheets.