



Dear Talent Show Contestant:

Plans are well underway for the 81st Mountain State Forest Festival scheduled September 30 – October 8, 2017. We would like to invite you to participate in the annual Mountain State Forest Festival Variety Talent Show to be held Thursday October 5, 2017 on the Downtown Stage. If you are a past winner of 2016, you are not eligible to participate this year; we look forward to seeing you next year. Remember, this is more than just a singing competition, no matter what your talent is, you're eligible!!

All contestants must pre-register by mail or in person at the Mountain State Forest Festival Office. Your entry form must be accompanied by CD or link of the song you will be performing, or a short Video of the talent you will be performing

Entry fees are \$30.00 per contestant.

All contestants will be participating against each other in various categories.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st place        \$500.00 and plaque

2nd place        \$250.00 and plaque

3rd place        \$100.00 and plaque

Please find enclosed a Talent Show Entry Form, Talent Show Rules and Regulations, and Mountain State Forest Festival Rules and Regulations. Each of these must be signed, dated, and returned to us, along with your entry fee and CD or link by September 18, 2017. You will be notified by e-mail or telephone of your acceptance on or before September 22, 2017.

We look forward to seeing you on stage at the Mountain State Forest Festival Talent Show.

Sincerely,

Jeff Skidmore  
2017 Assistant Director  
msff@forestfestival.com



**Mountain State Forest Festival  
Talent Show  
Entry Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ CD Included

\_\_\_\_\_ Website Link \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to Mountain State Forest Festival  
\$30.00 Entry Fee –REQUIRED**

Entry forms are due to the Mountain State Forest Festival Office by Monday, September 18, 2017.

**A \$25.00 fee is charged on all returned checks**

You will be notified of your acceptance as a contestant in the Mountain State Forest Festival Talent Show by email or telephone on or before September 22, 2017.

Release: By signing this form, I release the Mountain State Forest Festival from any and all personal injury or property damage that I may incur as a result of my participation in the Mountain State Forest Festival.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Parent Signature

Please Remit to:  
Mountain State Forest Festival  
PO Box 388 101 Lough St.

Elkins, WV 26241  
304-636-1824

**Mountain State Forest Festival  
Talent Show  
Rules and Regulations  
(\*Required Fields)**

1. Contestants will be performing with all Age Division and Genre's.
2. Contestants will be selected from all entries and notified of their acceptance to compete on Thursday, October 5, 2017.
3. CD's may be picked-up after the show.
4. The talent submitted on the CD/ Link must be the talent performed at the Talent Show.
5. A random drawing will be held prior to the show to determine the order of performance. All contestants must check-in with the registration table by 6:30 pm.
6. All contestants must be ready to perform or sing when they are called to the stage. Failure to report when called will result in disqualification.
7. Each contestant will have a maximum of five (5) minutes to set up and prepare to perform.
8. Each contestant will be allowed to perform , not to exceed a total of seven (7) minutes. If maximum time is exceeded, five (5) points will be deducted from your total score and your performance will be halted.
9. The Mountain State Forest Festival will provide the sound system for the contestants. This does not include musical instrument classification. If using CD accompaniment, please have recorded, cued, and ready to play, remember it is your responsibility to bring any instruments needed for your performance.
10. Forest Festival plaques and cash prizes will be awarded the evening of the Talent Show for 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place amongst all contestants.

By signing below I indicate I have read the Rules & Regulations and understand each as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/business

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Date

**Mountain State Forest Festival**  
**General Rules & Regulations**  
**(\*required field)**

- 1) Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to adjust locations in the event of inclement weather, inclement ground conditions or as needed.
- 2) All applications for specific events and entry fees must be received by the deadline set for specific event.
- 3) All applications will be reviewed by the designated Mountain State Forest Festival committee. Each exhibitor or vendor will be notified by mail if the application is accepted by the committee by the deadline advertised for that event.
- 4) All registration fees are non-refundable unless specified in the specific rules for that event.
- 5) A royalty will be charged to any vendor selling wears bearing the Mountain State Forest Festival and/or the official logo of the Mountain State Forest Festival.
- 6) Please note any special needs on your application. We will attempt to meet the special need, if any additional fees are required for your request we will notify you of the additional fee within two (2) weeks of receiving your application and fee.
- 7) The Mountain State Forest Festival, or any agent acting on its behalf, will not be responsible for damages to exhibitor's/vendor's displays, units or property.
- 8) The Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to advertise the presence of the exhibitor or vendor. The exhibitor agrees to hold the Mountain State Forest Festival and any agent acting on its behalf harmless from any advertising or other liability.
- 9) Unless otherwise agreed upon all hardware (i.e. electrical cords, tables, tents/canopy, coverings, lighting, etc.) is the responsibility of the Exhibitor/Vendor.
- 10) Alcohol is strictly prohibited at any Mountain State Forest Festival event without prior written permission from the Mountain State Forest Festival.
- 11) No merchandise depicting drugs, alcohol or tobacco may be sold, displayed or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event without prior written permission.
- 12) No item used to consume drugs may be sold, displayed or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event.

13) Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to request a vendor to remove any merchandise or display that the event organizers determine is unacceptable or inconsistent with the Forest Festival rules or philosophy.

14) Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to evict any person/organization/business for failure to follow the General Rules or the Specific Rules for each event.

By signing below I indicate I have read the General Rules & Regulations and understand each as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/business:

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\*Signature

\*Date