



Delta Musicians Showcase

Youth Songwriter Contest Rules

Eligibility

- The Delta Youth Songwriter Contest is open to students in the 3rd through 12th grades.
- Students may be enrolled in public school, private school, or homeschool.
- One entry per student is accepted per year.
- Only single author songs qualify.
- Students may seek input from parents, teachers, and peers.
- Entries can be in any genre.
- Entries must be all original work. No rewrites or satirical versions of songs are accepted.
- Entries cannot have been previously submitted to any songwriting contest.
- Songs must be submitted digitally by email to director@newportaredc.org no later than May 13, 2022. Written songs and audio recordings of songs will be accepted.
- Each entry must contain the following information on a title page:
 - Student's name
 - Student's grade level
 - Parent's name
 - Mailing address
 - Email address for contact
 - Title of the song
 - Date of composition
 - Does the songwriter wish to perform the song at the Delta Musicians Showcase (Yes or No)?
- Each submission must also contain the following information:
 - A digital photo of the songwriter to use with advertising for the show.
 - A biography of between 25 and 75 words about the songwriter to be used with advertising for the show.
- There is no fee for participation and no purchase of any kind is required.

Poem Formatting

- Text should be typed. Children unable to type may have their song typed by someone else.
- Songs can be written in any language.
- A song can be written in any style.
- Invented spelling is acceptable, but the intended words of the writer should be clear.
- Copyrighted names, titles, and images should be avoided.
- Songs must be at least 1:30 minutes when sung and no longer than 6 minutes.
- No vulgar terms, offensive language, or profanity are allowed in songs for this contest.

Prizes

- Songs will be separated into three age related categories:
 - Grades 3 through 6
 - Grades 7 through 9
 - Grades 10 through 12
- A 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place ribbon will be awarded to each age category.
- One overall “Best of Show” ribbon will be awarded regardless of age category.
- Winners will be announced on Friday June 3, 2022 at the Delta Musicians Showcase.

Agreements by Participation

- Students agree upon submission that the song is their original work. Plagiarism is considered a disqualifying offense.
- While the students retain all copyrights on the material, by submitting a song to the contest, they convey the right to the Delta Arts Festival and the Blue Bridge Center for the Delta Arts to publish the song in print, audio, or digitally in an collection of songs from the contest.
- Songs will be judged by a committee chosen solely at the discretion of the Delta Musicians Showcase, and applicants agree that their decision is final.
- A block of time will be set aside for young songwriters to perform their songs if they desire. Songwriters who desire to perform their song must clearly indicate their desire on the title page with their submission to be scheduled. If their desire is not clearly indicated, then they will not be scheduled to perform their song.
- Submission of a song and related materials is considered an agreement that allows the Delta Arts Festival and the Blue Bridge Center for the Delta Arts to use the songwriter’s image and biography in advertising purposes related to the Delta Festival of Books and the Delta Arts Festival.
- For more information call (870) 523-1009 or email director@newportaredc.org.