



2026 88th Mountain State Forest Festival
Talent Show Entry Form
Sunday, September 27, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

_____ CD/Jump Drive Included

_____ Website Link _____

* If music is being played from a cell phone, the contestant must provide someone to operate it.
The sound technician **is not permitted** to handle personal devices.

\$30.00 Required Entry Fee

Make checks payable to Mountain State Forest Festival

OR apply online at www.forestfestival.com/registration-forms

Entry forms will be accepted until 6:00 PM on the day of the event, Sunday, September 27, 2026.

A \$25.00 fee will be charged for any returned check due to non-sufficient funds

Pre-registered applicants will be notified of acceptance as a contestant in the Mountain State Forest Festival Talent Show by email or telephone on or before Friday, September 25, 2026.

RELEASE: By signing this form, I release the Mountain State Forest Festival from any and all personal injury, illness (including COVID-19), 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/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

Please Remit to:
Mountain State Forest Festival
PO Box 388
Elkins, WV 26241



Mountain State Forest Festival Talent Show Rules and Regulations (*required field)

1. Contestants will be performing with all age divisions and genres.
2. Pre-registered contestants will be selected from all entries and notified of their acceptance to compete on or before Friday, September 25, 2026. *Entry forms will be accepted until 6:00 PM on the day of the event, Sunday, September 27, 2026.
3. CDs/jump drives may be picked up after the show.
4. The talent submitted on the CD/jump drive/web 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 the total score and the performance will be halted.
9. The Mountain State Forest Festival will provide a sound system for contestants. **This does not include musical instrument classification. It is the contestant's responsibility to bring any instruments needed for the performance.** If using CD accompaniment, please have the song recorded, cued, and ready to play. If music is being played from a cell phone, the contestant must provide someone to operate it. The sound technician **is not permitted** to handle personal devices.
10. Mountain State 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) The 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/email/phone/text 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 Board of Directors.
- 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) The 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) The 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.
- 15) No political campaigning or lobbying will be permitted during an event.
- 16) The Mountain State Forest Festival will be following all local, state, and federal guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Submission of your application to be a vendor in the City Park is agreement to follow any safety protocols required by the Mountain State Forest Festival.

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*SIGNATURE _____ *DATE _____



2026 88th Mountain State Forest Festival
Talent Show Adjudication Sheet
Sunday, September 27, 2026

Name: _____ Contestant # _____

*For use by MSFF Elkins' Got Talent Judges. Contestants will be judged on the following:

Rate participants in each category in the range of 1-10 with 10 being the highest possible score.

Stage Presence _____

Audience Engagement/Response _____

Originality _____

Professionalism _____

Vocal/Instrumental/Tone quality _____

Total _____

Judge _____

FOR REFERENCE ONLY

Judging scores are final. All adjudication sheets are property of the Mountain State Forest Festival.