

# SMSWF 2015 SONGWRITERS COMPETITION

## ENTRY FORM

Entrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Song Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Song Category:

Bluegrass \_\_\_ Country \_\_\_ Folk \_\_\_ Gospel/Inspriational \_\_\_ Jazz/Blues \_\_\_ Pop \_\_\_ Lyrics Only \_\_\_

*Early Bird Prices 11/15/2014-1/15/2015 \$45 first Song Entry \$10 each additional song entered.*

**\$50** first song, **\$15** each additional song or add an entered song to Lyrics Only. **\$10 to convert CD to MP3**

Entrants get a SMSWF T-Shirt, Discount Wristband and Festival Program. 1 category per song except Lyrics Only.

1. Entrant acknowledges and agrees to perform or have performed said song in the SMSWF Song Competition Performance and Awards Finale in Gatlinburg, TN during the festival Aug. 19 - 23, 2015 should it win a Category seat. Unable to attend spot moves to next in line. A song already entered can also be entered into Lyrics Only . Lyrics Only category entries do not have to be present to win.
2. Entry constitutes entered song is an original and Entrant holds rights to the song and releases the SMSWF Songwriters Contest, Sponsors, Gatlinburg Visitor & Conventions Bureau and The Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival Inc. from any and all liability to the contrary.
3. Entry constitutes permission to SMSWF to use winner's names, likenesses, recordings and voices for future advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation. Photographs, recordings, and videos taken by festival staff or representatives of SMSWF shall become the property of SMSWF which can and will be used to promote SMSWF.
4. Entrant retains all ownership rights to all submitted song(s). The Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival will not have any ownership rights to any song(s) submitted only promotional rights for what occurs.
5. SMSWF reserves the right to extend the deadline. All decisions of the judges and audience are final. CDs and lyrics will not be returned. If necessary, Judges can create a new category and move songs to it.
6. I certify that I have read, understood and accept the Rules and Regulations of the 2015 SMSWF Songwriters Competition. (See 18 Rules attached below). I acknowledge entry fees are non-refundable. Entrants under 18 years old will require a parent or legal guardian to sign on the entrant's behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Entrant's Signature

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter on-line at [www.smswf.com](http://www.smswf.com) or send a copy of the signed entry form, entry fees, **2 typed copies of the lyrics**, **(one with your name and contact information and one without your contact information)**, CD or MP3 for each song to SMSWF, P.O. Box 753, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. Make checks or MO payable to: The Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival. CDs are not returned. All Entries must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2015. On-line entry ends at 8AM EST May 1, 2015. Any questions please contact [smswf@yahoo.com](mailto:smswf@yahoo.com) or 865-604-9066.

## ADDITIONAL ENTRIES:

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**SMOKY MOUNTAINS SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL**  
**2015 SONGWRITERS CONTEST**  
**Rules and Regulations**

1. Each song submitted must have both instrumentation and lyrics. NO INSTRUMENTAL ONLY SONGS.
2. The competition is open to all songwriters earning 51% or less of their annual income from songwriting. Professional songwriters who write everyday for a living earning more than 51% of their annual income from songwriting are not eligible to enter.
3. Income from performing gigs is not considered songwriting income. Songwriters may play their music on tour or sale their own CD/Albums. The Primary Source of Income requirement is income a person has been paid for written lyrics.
4. If entrant is under 18 years old, the signature of a parent or guardian is required.
5. Each song submitted must be entrant's original work. Entry constitutes entered song is an original and releases the SMSWF Songwriters Competition, Sponsors, Gatlinburg Convention & Visitors Bureau, and The Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival Inc. and any of its representatives from any and all liability regarding royalty obligations and distribution of prizes amongst co-writers.
6. All entries shall not infringe on any copyright or any other rights of any third party. Entrant may not enter any song that is owned, wholly or partly, by a publishing company.
7. Songs may have multiple co-writers, but only the submitting writer should be designated on the application as the Entrant. It is the Entrant's responsibility to split all winnings with Entrant's co-writers. All Co-Writers will be mention in recognizing the winning songs.
8. Song is not to be longer than 5 minutes in length. If song exceeds the 5 minute limit, it will be disqualified. It is the Entrant's responsibility to submit only songs less than 5 minutes. Remember entry fees are non-refundable.
9. Entrant acknowledges and agrees to perform or have song performed in the Song Competition Finale and Awards Show at the Gatlinburg, TN during The Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival Aug. 19-23, 2015, should the entry win placement in its respective category. There is no performance for Lyrics Only. The winners in the Lyrics Only Category will be announced at the Song Competition Finale and Awards Show during the 2015 Smoky Mountain Songwriters Festival.
10. Entrants may submit as many songs as he/she wishes. Each song can only be entered into one category per song except for Lyrics Only. A song already entered in Bluegrass, Country, Folk, Gospel/Inspirational, Jazz/Blues and Pop can also be entered into Lyrics Only. **Each entry requires a separate CD or MP3 file and 2 separate lyric sheets per song. One lyric sheet is to have all your contact information. This sheet is to clearly prove this is your song and no one else's. The other lyric sheet is not to have any contact information at all. This sheet is used for the judging process. Lyric sheets are to be typed and single space.** It is the Entrant's responsibility to ensure that the submitted song(s) are complete and playable. SMSWF is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, postage due, stolen, incomplete, or misappropriated entries. SMSWF is not responsible for faulty files on a MP3 nor CDs that are not playable. Songs can be entered any time between Nov. 15, 2014 to April 30, 2015. Once you have paid the initial entry fee of \$50, any additional songs you write before the deadline can simply be entered as an additional entry for \$10. *(There will be an Early Bird Price for any songs entered between Nov. 15, 2014 and January 30, 2015. Along with a drawing for a three*

*day/three night lodging stay during the Aug. 19-23, 2015 SMSWF for those who enter songs during the Early Bird entry period. Winner of the drawing will be announced January 31<sup>st</sup>.)*

11. Winners in the Category Divisions will be notified by e-mail or phone no later than June 30, 2015. Finale winners will be chosen by a judging committee comprised of music industry professionals, including but not limited to noted songwriters, producers, publishers, radio and label personnel. Preliminary Judges will also include educators in the music and songwriting field that know and teach songwriting. Genre Category songs will be judged based on melody, structure, originality and lyrics. Lyrics Only Category will be judged on structure, originality and lyrics. Prizes will be awarded jointly to all authors of any song. Division of prizes is responsibility of Entrant submitting the song. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply.

12. The Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival will post all results on its website and will notify entrants by e-mail that results are posted. Entrant is responsible for providing up-to-date and correct email addresses to SMSWF. SMSWF is not responsible for entrant's non-receipt of any SMSWF emails for any reason, including but not limited to, server or email malfunctions. If you submit your entry by mail you will need to ***send SMSWF a stamped self address envelope requesting SMSWF to mail you the song competition results***. Send stamped sae to SMSWF, PO Box 753, Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

13. SMSWF reserves the right to extend the deadline. Judges have the right to create another category and move songs to it. Said new category has to be agreed upon by the SMSWF.

14. All decisions of the judges and audience are final. CDs and lyrics will not be returned.

15. Entry constitutes permission to the Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival to use winner's names, likenesses, recordings and voices for future advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation. Entrant holds rights to the song.

16. All recordings, photographs, and videos *taken by festival staff or representatives of SMSWF* are reserved and shall become the property of SMSWF which can and will be used to promote SMSWF. SMSWF in no way holds ownership to your songs, but SMSWF can use such material to promote the SMSWF.

17. If you make it to the 2015 SMSWF Song Competition Finale and Awards event your song might be recorded on a CD for SMSWF to sell to raise monies to grow the SMSWF provided we can work out all the legalities and royalty payments with the songwriter(s).

18. Each Entrant will receive a 2015 SMSWF T-Shirt, Shopping Discount Wristband and Festival Program. You can pick these items up at the Gatlinburg Inn SMSWF Headquarters Will Call Desk upon arriving at the 2015 SMSWF or at the Edgewater Hotel during the Song Competition Finale and Awards Show. You can also opt to pay a shipping and handling fee of \$7.95 and SMSWF will mail it to you.

Any questions should be addressed to The Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival

smswf@yahoo.com or 865-604-9066