



**20th Annual Mecklenburg County Empowerment Festival
Vendor Application**
Corporate: \$500 Food: \$400 Non-Food: \$200 Nonprofit: \$100
First Ward Park
September 12, 2026
5PM
(Setup by 1PM)

Name:

Business Name:

Address:

City, State, and Zip:

Phone No:

Email Address:

Contact No. During Festival:

Detailed Description of merchandise (If not listed on this application, will not be allowed to sell.):

***PLEASE INDICATE IF HANDICAP PARKING IS NEEDED**

Vendor's Signature:

Date:

Please return this application to rivensscholarship@gmail.com with your payment by September 1, 2025, or mail the application accompanied by a cashier's check or money order only and a photo of your setup (if applicable) by September 1, 2026, to:

Ausie & Martin Rivens Scholarship (AMRS)
20805 Catawba Avenue
Cornelius, NC. 28031

For more information: **704-493-4955** or rivensscholarship@gmail.com

Food Vendor Application

- All vendor spaces will be assigned before set up. Please provide your own table and tent (if required) for set-up. **All fees are non-refundable. Fee reserves one 10 X 10 tent unless otherwise approved by event planner**
- All food vendors are responsible for providing their own electrical power and water. Please review and complete carefully the required Mecklenburg County application for festival food vending. Environmental Health Services requires strict adherence to all conditions set forth. **The Food Vendor Health Department form is due by August 25, 2026 (no exceptions) mecknc.gov**
- Insurance coverage: Each vendor is responsible for his/her own insurance coverage. The 501c3 will not be responsible for personal injury, loss, or theft of property.
- Trash: Each vendor is responsible for keeping his/her area clean!
- **Late fee: Please include a \$50 fee for all applications received after August 15, 2026.**
- All food vendor balances must be paid in full by August 30, 2025. Send payments to: Ausie Rivens Scholarship, 20805 Catawba Ave., Cornelius, NC. 28031 or pay online.

GUIDELINES

In signing this agreement for Mecklenburg County Empowerment Festival (Meckfest), vendor participants clauses outlined in this agreement. Failure by the vendor participants to abide by any clauses outlined in this agreement gives Meckfest and/or authorized agents of Meckfest the right to (1) immediately terminate this agreement; (2) require vendor participant, immediately upon notice of violation of this agreement, to cease operations and vacate the premises; and (3) forfeit any fees paid to Meckfest for the right and privilege of participating in the vendor area of the festival. No clauses of this agreement may be changed in any way or altered without the written, signed permission of the event organizer.

1. The Ausie & Martin Rivens Scholarship Foundation (AMRS) is a tax-exempt 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization. The mission is to empower area youth by providing life skills workshops, providing food outreach, promoting continued education, and providing educational and financial assistance for future employment skills and entrepreneurial success. The monies received from this application will go directly toward costs associated with producing this festival and/or scholarship. *****Please note that any/all monies received from vendors wishing to participate in Meckfest and vendors who cancel before the start of the festival will not receive a refund.**

2. Anyone wishing to sell or serve either food and/or beverages at the festival must complete this agreement as well as an application for a temporary food establishment permit from the Mecklenburg County Health Department. Please contact Mecklenburg County Health Department at (704)336-5524 for health safety regarding application for a permit. To obtain a

form, visit the website at <https://www.charmeck.org>, select forms, and applications, and choose à temporary food service establishment application.

3. Vendor participants shall not display, offer for view, or sell any illegal or contraband items at Meckfest. The laws of the state of North Carolina and local ordinances of Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte shall control the regulation of such illegalities. Vendors shall not sell items that are unlicensed and/or copies/interpretations of licensed or registered items at all sites and operation of Meckfest.

4. Vendor participants shall not display, offer for view, take orders for, or sell any items that are imprinted, emblazoned, or marked in any manner with any/all the words Mecklenburg County Empowerment Festival, even when printed with other words. Nor shall vendors offer artwork with any variations of these words without the written consent of the Meck County Empowerment Festival.

5. Vendor participants shall not sublet space to anyone else, nor allow a non-profit agent to share a space.

6. All illegally parked vehicles will be subject to towing at the owner's expense.

7. Vendor participants acknowledge and understand that they are responsible for sales and use tax and shall in no way hold AMRS or its representatives responsible for any types of permits, licenses, or insurance, excluding the obligatory liability insurance coverage for Meckfest itself.

8. AMRS will provide security at the site but is not responsible for any loss or stolen property.

9. AMRS will make no representation or guarantees toward actual attendance.

10. Vendor participants understand that the AMRS has no control over the weather, acts of God, acts of terrorism, or governmental interventions, or any other cause which may prevent and/or interrupt Meckfest, and participants shall not hold AMRS responsible for any losses that should arise due to such events.

11. AMRS reserves the right to place vendors where it chooses. Vendors can, however, request specific placement, but the final decision will be that of the event organizer and will be based on first come first served. Primary Spots will be based on first come, first served, and is priced at a different fee. Exclusivity of vendor type will need to pay for all the locations allocated for that vendor type.

12. "AMRS reserves the right as the sole vendor of designated products."