

RULES - Strawberry Jam Camp Songwriter's Competition

DIVISIONS: The Strawberry Jam Camp Songwriter's Competition has three (3) divisions:

- ✍ Adult (**over** 18 years of age as of July 15, 2019)
- ✍ Youth (**under** 18 years of age as of July 15, 2019)
- ✍ Youth/Adult Combination entries co-written.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to anyone whose primary source of income (more than 50% of gross income) is not derived from songwriting.

ORIGINAL WORK: All entries must be the original work of contestant(s) and shall not infringe on any copyright or any other rights of any third party. Entries may have multiple co-writers. The scholarship will be awarded jointly to all authors: division of prizes is responsibility of the winners.

JUDGING: All entries will be judged on originality, lyrics, melody and the song's overall commercial potential. Music production and performance quality are not considered. Entries will be judged by a panel of professional songwriters, publishers and other industry professionals who volunteer their time. All decisions by the judges will be final.

HOW TO ENTER

ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your entry.

VIDEO:

- ✍ Each contestant must submit a video of them playing their song, contestant may play solo or with accompaniment.
- ✍ Announce your name and co-writers name(s), if any, and the song title.
- ✍ Upload your video to [YouTube](#).
- ✍ Submit the YouTube link in your essay.

WRITTEN ESSAY:

- ✍ Each contestant must submit an essay not to exceed 500 words.
- ✍ Contestant essay must contain:
 - ✍ A short introduction of the author and/or co-writer(s).
 - ✍ Contestant(s) song writing history and interests.
 - ✍ A brief explanation of where the idea of the song came from.

UP TO THREE SONGS MAY BE SUBMITTED PER CONTESTANT. Each song **MUST** be accompanied by its own video and essay.

ALL GENRES ACCEPTED:

- ✍ No one genre takes precedent over another.

DATES: **May 15, 2019** is the deadline for competition entries. Winners to be announced June 15, 2019.

PRIZES: There will be one First Place Prize awarded in each division. The winner will receive Free Tuition to the Strawberry Jam Camp to be held in Strawberry Point, Iowa on July 24-26, 2019. Donna Ulisse and Rick Stanley will be the featured instructors, with three full days of instruction and evening jam sessions where you can share your songs with an eager audience. The camp includes a continental breakfast each morning and a noon meal each day. You will receive a Weekend Pass to the Backbone Bluegrass Festival held on July 26-28, 2019 and Jam Camp T-shirt along with other amenities. You are responsible for your own evening meal and camping or hotel/motel accommodations. -- **GOOD LUCK!**