



**Aotearoa Waitangi
Country Music Awards
Held at Queen Elizabeth
College Hall
Rangitikei Street,
Palmerston North**

(Opposite the BP Service Station)

To be held on weekend of 17th and 18th August 2018

Weekend Events

Friday 6pm Registration/Set up –
Saturday 7am – Registrations - 8 am Auditions All
Day - Rock N Roll (social time) Saturday
evening
Sunday 8am Gospel – Finals Concert 2pm
Note: Times subject to change dependent on entry numbers

Audition Prices- \$5.00 adult or working
Under 18 (Still at school) FREE

Finals - \$10.00 adult or working
Under 18 (Still at school) FREE

Send this page and the Section entry page to:

**Aotearoa Country Music Awards
PO BOX 217
Central Post Shop
Palmerston North**

ENTRY FEE 10.00 per section

To be paid with entry form

Name: _____

Address: _____

I have read and agree to abide by the rules

**Limited numbers – get the form in quick first 100 entries
only Then entries will be cut off.**

Signature: _____

Phone: _____

Club you are from: _____

Individual Name: _____

Duo Names: _____

Group Names: _____

() Sections Entered @ \$10.00 \$ _____

() Finals Tickets @ \$10 Adult \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

Cheques Payable to:

Aotearoa Country Music Awards

Direct Credit to:

Aotearoa Country Music Awards

01 – 0745 – 0522006 - 00

NOTE: Ensure you use your name as Reference

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ENTRY FORM: Get this form in quick first 100 entries only

Name or names in case of Duo/Group:

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Sections:

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| Junior | Male <input type="radio"/> | Female <input type="radio"/> | Traditional <input type="radio"/> | Gospel <input type="radio"/> | Group <input type="radio"/> | Duo <input type="radio"/> | RnR <input type="radio"/> |
| | Western <input type="radio"/> | | | | | | |
| Intermediate | Male <input type="radio"/> | Female <input type="radio"/> | Traditional <input type="radio"/> | Gospel <input type="radio"/> | Group <input type="radio"/> | Duo <input type="radio"/> | RnR <input type="radio"/> |
| | Western <input type="radio"/> | | | | | | |
| Senior | Male <input type="radio"/> | Female <input type="radio"/> | Traditional <input type="radio"/> | Gospel <input type="radio"/> | Group <input type="radio"/> | Duo <input type="radio"/> | RnR <input type="radio"/> |
| | Western <input type="radio"/> | | | | | | |
| Veteran: | Male <input type="radio"/> | Female <input type="radio"/> | Traditional <input type="radio"/> | Gospel <input type="radio"/> | Group <input type="radio"/> | Duo <input type="radio"/> | RnR <input type="radio"/> |
| | Western <input type="radio"/> | | | | | | |

Must be over 55 or over as 1st August in current cycle.

Novice: Male Female **(Must be first time in ANY awards or singing competition – not eligible for overall)**

Original Song:

This is an open section the rules are: Original songs (audio) to be recorded onto a CD or sent in MP3 format. Words and chord charts (4 copies). This section is NOT eligible for overall but is eligible for entry to the NZCMA EOY. Only songs not recorded for sale commercially are eligible. Writer MUST be amateur in status. The song MUST NOT have previously won at any other competition. The writer may choose to perform at the final concert if they win.

NOTES: Any section(s) particularly Duos and Groups may be combined into Open sections or joined with other sections, depending on numbers of entries. Please send your song names with entry.

I have read and understand the rules: _____ *Signed:*.....

Prizes:

1st in any section \$50

2nd in any section \$25

Overall Winner:

Junior \$250

Intermediate \$250

Senior \$250

Veteran \$250

Runner up overall:

Junior \$100

Intermediate \$100

Senior \$100

Veteran \$100



1st, 2nd and 3rd in each section will receive a Trophy and or certificate.

Overall and runner up will also receive a Trophy.

There may be other encouragement awards.

Address for correspondence or entries:

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Rules of the Aotearoa Country Music Awards 2018

1. Material performed in these awards must be of country origin. Country origin excludes the **Rock and Roll section – although Country Rock will be acceptable**. Contestants will be judged on musical ability, diction, stage presentation and suitability of song for the contestant and the section.
2. To be eligible to enter the New Zealand Country Music Entertainer of the year, should you win an eligible section in the Overall capacity you need to belong to an affiliated NZCMA Club, group, region, associate or organizational member at least 3 months prior to entering these awards. If you are not and wish to be, please contact us ASAP on our email or via our Facebook page.
3. Sections are open to those who have not recorded commercially. (Not solely making a living from Singing)
4. The senior overall winner must stand down for two years
5. Entries must be on an official entry form or photocopy of same and will be available to all clubs. Entry fees must accompany entry forms. All names of contestants in groups and duos must be on entry form and must not be changed on audition day
6. Contestants may enter once only any or all sections for which they are eligible and for which they have paid the required entry fee.
7. No entries which are postmarked after closing date will be accepted.
8. The Award Committee reserve the right to limit number of entries and may add to, combine, or delete from the programme at any time.
9. The organisers reserve the 'right to record and broadcast any or all of the performances at either auditions or finals, subject to copyright conditions where applicable. Videoing allowed as long as it doesn't interfere with spectators view.
10. The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission to any of the functions during the day and evening.
11. Any violation of the rules will result in disqualifications
12. Backing band available for auditions / finals, no other accompaniment allowed unless competitor plays own instrument.
13. To Assist the backing band, each contestant is required to have FIVE (5) COPIES OF THE WORDS AND CHORDS TO THEIR SONGS with TIME SIGNATURE AND TIMING written on top right hand corner (e.g. 3/4 slow), If Contestants have instruments they want to use then they need to notify the stage manager at reporting time on stage so they can be plugged in or mics set up etc if needed..
14. Entrant's equipment is used and stored at their own risk. Neither the Aotearoa Country Music Awards entity nor the Awards Committee or organisers and helpers will be held responsible for the loss or damage, theft etc, to individual's personal property or effects.
15. All contestants to be in the hall and report 30 minutes prior to audition section time scheduled to start Audition times will be drawn and advised after closing date of entries. Contestants not present when due to appear will be placed at end of section only if they are performing in another venue. BE AWARE, Scratching may bring your time forward.
16. Contact with Judges during the event should be kept to simple pleasantries and no discussion on performance or marking will be permitted during the competition period. You are welcome to approach judges AFTER the finals.
17. No contestants may possess, consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs in or near the hall or back stage during the auditions.
18. Judging criteria forms will be available from the front desk should you require one for your information.

19. Judges decision is final and binding, and no correspondence will be entered into, except in breach of the rules.
 20. Judges or convener have the right to recall any contestant.
 21. Comments sheets will be available to contestants at times announced by COMPERE.
 22. Finalists will be judged independently from auditions.
 23. Finalists **must sing a different song for the finals** from the one they sang in the auditions.
 24. All Finals contestants in the Finals only will receive a Free Finals Ticket
 25. The overall winner will be the person with **the highest points on the night in any of the NZCMA EOY eligible sections. (There may be some ranking as a contribution). Judges and Adjudicators decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.**
 26. Band members or Award Officials may not enter as contestants.
 27. All rules to be strictly adhered to. Please read them carefully.
 28. All sections are solo except duo and group section – duo must have 2 people only and group 3 or more (up to 5)
Contestants may only enter a duo or section once. - You cannot enter intermediate, Junior and then Senior, All names must be on the entry form and may not be changed on audition day.
 29. **Traditional Section: - READ THIS –**
Traditional means “the original way it was written and performed” We are looking for a classic Country sound here, not modern or folk. Look at songs from mid 1900’s to 1980’s or new traditional from the 1990’s. (NOT rock or crossover).
 30. **GOSPEL SECTION** – lyrics must include a reference to or about God, Jesus or the Lord – these must be of Country origin.
 31. **WESTERN SECTION:** Must be a song from the Western genre, (not just a song that mentions cowboys)
- If you are unsure about Western Genre have a look here or contact the Convenor:**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_music_\(North_America\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_music_(North_America))
32. JUNIORS: Must be under the age of 13 years as at the 1st day of August of the current circuit.
 33. INTERMEDIATE: Must 13 years but under 18 years as at the 1st day of August of the current circuit.
 34. SENIOR: Must 18 years or over as at the 1st day of August of the current circuit.
 35. All entrants must take into consideration the rules of the New Zealand Country Music Association for the Country Music Entertainer of the Year if they wish to qualify to be an entry for the NZCMA EOY award.
 36. Veterans Must be over 55 or over as 1st August in current cycle.

37. You CANNOT enter both Veteran and Senior – you must choose one or the other for the entire Award Sections.

All general inquiries should be directed to the Convener John de Burgh - Phone 027 2903103 or jdeburgh@ihug.co.nz Or Alexia Whiley 021 1671169 or Flo Amohia 027 3416211

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