



**KENTUCKIANA BLUES SOCIETY
2026 ANNUAL BLUES CHALLENGE APPLICATION FORM
Band Challenge
Sunday, September 6, 2026**

Stevie Ray's Blues Bar

The deadline for applying to the Band Challenge is August 24, 2026

The undersigned hereby attests that he/she is 21 years of age or older and is the spokesperson for the individual(s) listed elsewhere on this form and identified below by real or stage name, and herein referred to as The Act. Further the undersigned attests that the Act; (a) has never appeared on a final Handy Awards ballot; and (b) all members of the Act will be 21 years of age or older at the time of the challenge in order to enter the venue premises.

It is agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act, do hereby exempt from all liability, the Kentuckiana Blues Society, and all persons, organizations and companies that are directly associated with the 2026 Annual Blues Challenge.

It is further agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act, do hereby accept full responsibility for all restrictions relating to challenge prizes received by The Act; further each member of The Act, listed on the reverse side of this form, gives the Kentuckiana Blues Society the right to make use his/her/their names, voices, pictures and other likenesses of The Act, for the purpose of advertising, publishing and promoting the 2026 Annual Blues Challenge through the media, including entertainment and music, syndicated radio, file and/or television shows presented or produced by the Kentuckiana Blues Society. In addition, the spokesperson and each member of The Act hereby agrees that the Kentuckiana Blues Society will retain total ownership of the program(s), the right to broadcast the program(s), the right to edit the program(s) and the right to license others to use these rights.

The undersigned spokesperson hereby acknowledges that each member of The Act is knowledgeable and agrees to abide by terms herein stated and the rules of the 2026 Annual Blues Challenge as set forth by the Kentuckiana Blues Society.

Please contact the KBS Contest Committee at contest@kbsblues.org or Natalie Carter at prez@kbsblues.org if you have any questions.

Name of Act: _____

Spokesperson's Signature: _____

Spokesperson's Name (Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The venue has a complete sound system with microphones and mixing boards. A drum set and a bass rig will be provided for all acts to use. All other musicians need to bring their own amplifiers.

What equipment will The Act provide and/or use? _____

A 3" x 5" photo of The Act must be submitted along with this form. Please identify each member as they appear in the photo (from left to right).

Please print _____

Please send your Audio CD, Photo and \$25.00 Entry Fee with this signed Application to:

KBS Blues Challenge
Kentuckiana Blues Society
PO Box 755
Louisville, KY 40201-0755

CD's and Photos will not be returned. Minimum 20 minutes of music required. Materials can be sent electronically to contest@kbsblues.org and you may send internet links instead.

Entry Fee Payment can be made from our website at <http://kbsblues.org/contest.htm>



**KENTUCKIANA BLUES SOCIETY
2026 ANNUAL BLUES CHALLENGE APPLICATION FORM
Solo/Duo Challenge**

**Sunday, September 6, 2026
Stevie Ray's Blues Bar**

The deadline for applying to the Solo/Duo Challenge is August 24, 2026

The undersigned hereby attests that he/she is 21 years of age or older and is the spokesperson for the individual(s) listed elsewhere on this form and identified below by real or stage name, and herein referred to as The Act. Further the undersigned attests that the Act; (a) has never appeared on a final Handy Awards ballot; and (b) all members of the Act will be 21 years of age or older at the time of the challenge in order to enter the venue premises.

It is agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act, do hereby exempt from all liability, the Kentuckiana Blues Society, and all persons, organizations and companies that are directly associated with the 2026 Annual Blues Challenge.

It is further agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act, do hereby accept full responsibility for all restrictions relating to challenge prizes received by The Act; further each member of The Act, listed on the reverse side of this form, gives the Kentuckiana Blues Society the right to make use his/her/their names, voices, pictures and other likenesses of The Act, for the purpose of advertising, publishing and promoting the 2026 Annual Blues Challenge through the media, including entertainment and music, syndicated radio, file and/or television shows presented or produced by the Kentuckiana Blues Society. In addition, the spokesperson and each member of The Act hereby agrees that the Kentuckiana Blues Society will retain total ownership of the program(s), the right to broadcast the program(s), the right to edit the program(s) and the right to license others to use these rights.

The undersigned spokesperson hereby acknowledges that each member of The Act is knowledgeable of and agrees to abide by terms herein stated and the rules of the 2026 Annual Blues Challenge as set forth by the Kentuckiana Blues Society.

Please contact the KBS Contest Committee at contest@kbsblues.org or Natalie Carter at prez@kbsblues.org if you have any questions.

Name of Act: _____

Spokesperson's Signature: _____

Spokesperson's Name (Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The venue has a complete sound system with microphones and mixing boards. A drum set and a bass rig will be provided for all acts to use. All other musicians need to bring their own amplifiers.

What equipment will The Act provide and/or use? _____

A 3" x 5" photo of The Act must be submitted along with this form. If The Act consists of two (2) persons, please identify each member as they appear in the photo (from left to right).

Please print _____

Please send your Audio CD, Photo and \$25.00 Entry Fee of \$25.00 with this signed Application to:

**KBS Blues Challenge
Kentuckiana Blues Society
PO Box 755
Louisville, KY 40201-0755**

CD's and Photos will not be returned. Minimum 20 minutes of music required. Materials can be sent electronically to contest@kbsblues.org and you may send internet links instead.

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**KENTUCKIANA BLUES SOCIETY
2026 BEST SELF-PRODUCED CD CHALLENGE APPLICATION FORM**

**The deadline for applying to the CD challenge is Monday September 28, 2026
CD's must have been released between November 1, 2025 and October 1, 2026**

The undersigned hereby attests that he/she is the spokesperson for the individual(s) listed elsewhere on this form and identified below by real or stage name and herein referred to as The Act. Further the undersigned attests that the Act has never appeared on a final Handy Awards ballot.

It is agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act, do hereby exempt from all liability, the Kentuckiana Blues Society, and all persons, organizations and companies that are directly associated with the 2026 KBS Blues Challenge.

It is further agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act, do hereby accept full responsibility for all restrictions relating to challenge prizes received by The Act; further each member of The Act, listed on the reverse side of this form, gives the Kentuckiana Blues Society the right to make use his/her/their names, voices, pictures and other likenesses of The Act, for the purpose of advertising, publishing and promoting the 2026 Annual Blues Challenge through the media, including entertainment and music, syndicated radio, file and/or television shows presented or produced by the Kentuckiana Blues Society.

The undersigned spokesperson hereby acknowledges that each member of The Act is knowledgeable of and agrees to abide by terms herein stated and the rules of the 2026 KBS Blues Challenge as set forth by the Kentuckiana Blues Society.

Please contact the KBS Contest Committee at contest@kbsblues.org or Natalie Carter at prez@kbsblues.org if you have any questions.

Name of Act: _____

Title of the CD: _____

Spokesperson's Signature: _____

Spokesperson's Name (Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Please identify all individuals that perform on the CD.

Please print _____

If your CD is chosen by the Kentuckiana Blues Society you will be required to make available four (4) additional copies of the CD to send to the Blues Foundation in Memphis TN. CD's must be supplied to the KBS in a timely manner so we can make the Blues Foundation's deadline of November 1, 2026

Please send your CD with this signed Application to:

KBS Best Self-Produced CD Challenge
Kentuckiana Blues Society
PO Box 755
Louisville, KY 40201-0755

There is no application fee for the Best Self-Produced CD Challenge.
CD's will not be returned.



**KENTUCKIANA BLUES SOCIETY
2026 ANNUAL BLUES CHALLENGE APPLICATION FORM
Youth Challenge**

The deadline for applying to the Youth Challenge is Monday, September 28, 2026

The youth representative is chosen by the KBS board from all entries received and a performance most likely will not be required. Applicants are not charged an entry fee.

The undersigned hereby attests that he/she is the spokesperson for the individual(s) listed elsewhere on this form and identified below by real or stage name, and herein referred to as The Act. Further the undersigned attests that the Act; (a) has never appeared on a final Handy Awards ballot; and (b) all members of the Act will be under 21 years of age at the time of the KBS challenge in September 2026 AND the International Blues Challenge in January 2027 in order to take part in the challenge.

It is agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of The Act, do hereby exempt from all liability, the Kentuckiana Blues Society, and all persons, organizations and companies that are directly associated with the 2026 Annual Blues Challenge.

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Please contact the KBS Contest Committee at contest@kbsblues.org or Natalie Carter at prez@kbsblues.org if you have any questions.

Name of Act: _____

Spokesperson's Signature: _____

Spokesperson's Name (Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

In the event that a performance is needed, the venue will provide a sound system with microphones and mixing board.

What equipment will The Act provide and/or use? _____

A 3" x 5" photo of The Act must be submitted along with this form. If The Act consists of two (2) or more persons, please identify each member as they appear in the photo (from left to right).

Please print _____

Please send your Audio CD and Photo along with this signed Application to:

**KBS Blues Youth Challenge
Kentuckiana Blues Society
PO Box 755
Louisville, KY 40201-0755**

CD's and Photos will not be returned. Minimum 20 minutes of music required. Materials can be sent electronically to contest@kbsblues.org and you may send internet links instead of a CD.
