



2026 GRANITE STATE BLUES CHALLENGE

Official Application Form – May 31, 2026

Official Preliminary to the International Blues Challenge

Application Deadline is May 10, 2026

(Please Print)

Name of Act: _____ Type: Band ____ Solo/Duo ____ Youth ____

- The undersigned hereby attests they are 18 years of age or older, and are the responsible spokesperson for the individual(s) listed elsewhere on this form and identified above by real or stage name, and herein referred to as “Act”.
- The Granite State Blues Challenge is open to working adult and youth blues bands and solo/duo artists. Youth band members must be younger than 21 years of age. At least one member of each act must be an active member of The Granite State Blues Society.
- The Granite State Blues Challenge will follow the rules of the Blues Foundation. Please familiarize yourself with these rules. Rules can be found at <https://blues.org/international-blues-challenge/#performers>
- Each set will be limited to 25 minutes and set changes will be 15 minutes. Acts are prohibited from competing three consecutive years. Judges will evaluate each Act using the Blues Foundation score sheet.
- Band entry fee is \$50.00; Solo/Duo and Youth entry fee is \$25.00. Entry fees for competitors are non-refundable. Entry fees will be refunded to Acts *not* chosen for the competition. Applications and entry fees must be received no later than **May 10, 2026**.
- It is agreed by the spokesperson that he/she and each member of the Act do hereby exempt from all liability The Granite State Blues Society (GSBS), and all persons, organizations, and companies that are directly or indirectly associated with the Granite State Blues Challenge.
- The winning acts agree to represent New Hampshire at the **2027 International Blues Challenge** in Memphis. The GSBS cannot guarantee an “all expense paid” trip to Memphis but will work in conjunction with the winning acts to fundraise.
- The winning acts agree to perform at a minimum of two GSBS fundraisers **at no charge**. Proceeds will help the GSBS fundraise for (1) The Road to Memphis Fund and (2) A GSBS Fundraising event (Event to be determined).
- The undersigned spokesperson hereby acknowledges that each member of the Act is knowledgeable of and agrees to abide by the terms herein stated and the rules of the Granite State Blues Challenge, as set forth by the Granite State Blues Society.

Spokesperson’s Signature: _____

Spokesperson’s Name: _____

(Please Print, If Youth, include responsible parent or guardian name)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Artist Web Site and/or Video Links (qty 2) required: _____
