



2026 GRANITE STATE BLUES CHALLENGE

Official Application Form – May 17, 2026

Official Preliminary to the International Blues Challenge

Deadline to submit application is May 09, 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.
- The Granite State Blues Challenge will follow the rules of the Blues Foundation. 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 9, 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.
- Each winning Act agrees to represent New Hampshire at the 2026 International Blues Challenge in Memphis. The GSBS cannot guarantee an “all expense paid” trip to Memphis.
- Each winning act agrees to perform at a minimum of two fundraisers at no charge. Proceeds will help the GSBS fund raise for the Road to Memphis fund and performances to support the GSBS.
- 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: _____

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Act Name: _____

List Each Member and their role in the Act (i.e. guitar, bass, keyboards, vocals, etc.)

Please submit stage plots with your application

Bring mics and mic stands

Name	Role

Bio of Band (200 words or less)

By May 9, 2026, email completed application to info@granitestateblues.org and pay via Paypal or return completed application, with fee to:

Granite State Blues Society

PO Box 6031

Manchester, NH 03108

*Should you have any questions regarding this application or the Granite State Blues Challenge please contact info@granitestateblues.org

Entrant: Do NOT write below

Paid By: ☐ Check or ☐ Cash ☐ Paypal Amount: _____

Entry Form Rec'd by/Date: _____ Entry Fee Rec'd By/Date: _____ GSBS Signature
& Date: _____
(Copy to Treasurer)