



56th NICHOLAS COUNTY POTATO FESTIVAL
September 11-12, 2026

NICHOLAS COUNTY POTATO FESTIVAL POTATO IDOL TALENT SEARCH

Saturday, September 12, 2026
Starting at 5:30pm
City Pavilion Stage Area

CASH PRIZES!

Age Categories:

5yr-10yr
11yr-15yr
16yr- 20yr
21yr +

- Arrive Downtown at the Pavilion by 4:00 pm for registration.
- Bring your music, instruments, etc. needed for the performance.
- Stage and sound will be provided.
- Brief rehearsal starts at 4:45 to 5:15 pm.
- \$25.00 entry fee

(The winner may sing 1 song and must provide music, instruments, etc.)

Questions? Contact City of Summersville at 304-872-1211 ext. 122



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APPLICATION

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City Pavilion Stage Area

5:30 pm

\$25.00 ENTRY FEE

NAME OF GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: _____

List names of each member of the group:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

AGE GROUP: ☐ 5-10 ☐ 11-15 ☐ 16-20 ☐ 21+

ACCOMPANIMENT:

☐ CD ☐ NONE ☐ _____ OTHER

NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Checks are made payable to the City of Summersville and must be mailed in the week of September 7, 2026.

City of Summersville
P.O. Box 525
Summersville, WV 2651

You may also bring the completed application and entry fee to the City of Summersville Municipal Building located at 400 Broad Street in Summersville, WV.

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RULES OF COMPETITION

- Participants may only perform one (1) time during the competition.
- No profanity or vulgar language is allowed in any vocal performance or dance music.
- All attire must at all times be respectful and tasteful.
- Sound technicians and microphones will be provided. However, YOU must provide your own CD music, taped music, instruments, props, etc. needed for your performance.
- Music MUST be ready prior to performance and readily available to the sound technician.
- Participants may not be professional performers.
- Rehearsal for the 2026 Potato Idol Talent Search will be held on Saturday, September 12 at 4:45 pm in Downtown Summersville at the Pavilion Stage Area.
- Each act will be limited to five (5) minutes.
- 2026 Potato Idol Talent Search will be held on Saturday, September 12 at 5:30 pm in Downtown Summersville at the Pavilion Stage Area and all contestants must arrive at the Stage Area no later than 4:30pm the day of the show.
- There will be one First Place Winner in each age group who will receive \$50 and qualify to be the next Potato Idol winner.
- There will be one Potato Idol winner, who will receive \$100 and the opportunity to record a CD for the song of their choice (with copyright approval) with Monty Price Sound.
- The decision of the Judges is FINAL.
- Upon prior notice to all participants, the rules are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Talent Show organizers only.

Questions? Call the City of Summersville at 304-872-1211 for more information.

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TALENT SEARCH RELEASE FORM

I, _____, hereby consent to the Potato Festival Staff, or its designee, in association with the organization or event listed below, to take photographs, videos and / or recordings of me or my group. Furthermore, I consent to the use of any information submitted by me, including, but not limited to, any photographs, videos, and/ or recordings taken of me or my group, in association with the organization or event listed below by the Potato Festival, and/ or others with its consent, for purposes of illustration, advertising and/ or publication in print, online or otherwise.

ORGANIZATION / EVENT: NICHOLAS COUNTY POTATO FESTIVAL 2026 POTATO IDOL TALENT SEARCH

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE (Parent or Guardian must sign if contestant is under 18 years of age)

_____ **DATE:** _____