

VANDALIA GATHERING

MUSIC CONTESTS

SATURDAY, May 23

Registration - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Old-Time Stage Senior Old-Time Fiddle
(60 and over)
Youth Old-Time Fiddle (15 and under)
Old-Time Fiddle (59 and under)

Circle Stage Bluegrass Banjo
Mandolin

SUNDAY, May 24

Registration - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Old-Time Stage... Senior Old-Time Banjo (60 and over)
Lap Dulcimer
Old-Time Banjo (59 and under)

Registration - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Circle Stage..... Youth Flatpick Guitar (15 and under)
Flatpick Guitar

CONTEST RULES

1. **All contestants must be West Virginia residents.**
2. Each contestant must play two (2) tunes appropriate for the category entered.
 - a. Remember that popular crowd-pleasing tunes may not be best choices for judging.
 - b. Medley-style tunes are not acceptable.
3. Each contestant may have a maximum of two (2) accompanists.
4. No electric instruments are allowed.
5. Scuggs tuners may not be used in the banjo competition.
6. In case of a broken string, the contestant may replay.
7. In case of major tuning changes, contestant may replay tune.
8. Awards ceremonies for most contests will take place following the contest.

AWARDS

Senior (60 and over) and 59 and under categories:

First Place - \$400
Second Place - \$250
Third Place - \$150
Fourth Place - \$75
Fifth Place - \$50

Youth (15 and under) category:

First Place - \$75
Second Place - \$50
Third Place - \$25

WINNERS

1. To process monetary awards, winners must complete a standard W-9 form, an invoice form, and supply the Department of Arts, Culture and History with Social Security numbers.
 - a. Youth winners must have their own Social Security numbers and be accompanied by a parent when completing the forms. Parents' Social Security numbers are not acceptable.
 - b. Winners will receive award checks in the mail within three weeks of Vandalia Gathering as long as all paper work is completed by Sunday, May 24.
2. First-place winners in the 2020 old-time fiddle, old-time banjo, bluegrass banjo, mandolin, lap dulcimer and flatpick guitar contests will not be eligible to compete in that category in 2021.
 - a. This rule does not apply to the Senior (60 and over) category.
 - b. This rule does not apply to the Youth category unless that person placed first in the 59 and under category as well as the Youth category.

JUDGING CATEGORIES

1. **Intonation** - Tuning and tonal qualities
2. **Timing** - Accurate and consistent rhythm
3. **Difficulty** - Complexity of selections
4. **Technique** - Dexterity in performance
5. **Selection** - Choice of tunes appropriate to category

Judging will be done by acknowledged out-of-state experts. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Contestants will not be given final score sheets.