



WAYS TO SUBMIT

Songwriting contest entries can be submitted 2 ways:

1. Online at thecrookedroadsongwritingcontest.com

For online entries:

- Once the entry form is completed, the form will take you to payment for the submission. Payments are processed via The Crooked Road's Paypal account.
- Entries are \$20.00 per song.
- Multiple song entries can be submitted, but each needs a separate entry form and payment.
- After your card has been processed, you will be taken to a page, where you upload your mp3 or enter with your YouTube song link.
- There will be an area to copy and paste song lyrics as part of the entry submission.

2. Mailed Entries to The Crooked Road office at:

The Crooked Road
1 Heartwood Circle
Abingdon, VA 24210

Entries must include:

- Completed entry form
- CD containing 1 song only, 5 minutes or less in length. Mailed entries must include 5 copies of the CDs (for judges and TCR files).
- Check for \$20.00. You may total all entries on 1 check (example: 5 entries = \$100.00). Checks must be made out to: The Crooked Road. If your payment does not process, your entry will not be considered eligible.
- If you are mailing multiple entries, all submissions must have a separate CD, mp3, or YouTube link, entry form, lyric sheet and entry fee. Sample lyric sheet will be found online, although entrants can use their own.
- Mailed entries must be received into The Crooked Road office by September 1. The Crooked Road is not responsible for late, lost or damaged, misdirected, or postage due entries.
- Mailed submission collateral will not be returned.

GENERAL GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

3. All songs submitted must be original.
4. Entry fee/s are non-refundable.
5. This competition is open to all amateur and professional songwriters and anyone regardless of nationality or origin.
6. Employees of The Crooked Road, and their families, are not eligible.
7. Winners will be chosen by a Judging Committee comprised of music professionals including Becky Buller, Johnny & Jeanette Williams, Kris Truelson & Mary Munsey. All five judges will review the initial submissions. Three judges will be judging the live concert on October 19, 2023.
8. Songs will be judged equally on originality, lyrics, melody and composition. Quality of performance and production will not be considered.
9. Prizes:
 - a. First Place winner will receive \$500 and the opportunity to record and video the song
 - b. Top 4 finalists will receive \$100 each
10. Winners will be announced on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at The Crooked Road's 3rd Thursday Cultural Series event. Finalists and winners will be listed on The Crooked Road's website at www.thecrookedrodva.com and the songwriting contest website at www.thecrookedroadsongwritingcontest.com.
11. Entry constitutes permission to use winners' names, likeness and voices for future publicity and advertising purposes without additional compensation.
12. Winners must confirm that the winner's song is original and he/she holds rights to the song. Failure to sign and return the form within 30 days [of October 19] will result in immediate disqualification and an alternative winner will be selected.
13. Prizes will be awarded jointly to all authors of any song and division of prizes is not determined by The Crooked Road, and will be the responsibility of winners. The winners release sponsors from all liability regarding prizes won. Taxes are winners' responsibility. Entrants and their collaborators will retain full rights to all work submitted for the competition.

TIMELINE

Submissions Begin: June 26, 2023

Submission Deadline: September 1, 2023

Top 5 Finalists Announced: September 29, 2023

Top 5 Finalists Concert, Live Judging & Winner Announced: TCR's 3rd Thursday Cultural Series at the Southwest Virginia Cultural Center – Thursday, October 19, 2023

FAQ

Q: What is The Crooked Road's Songwriting Contest?

A: This is a new project for The Crooked Road in anticipation of The Crooked Road's 20th Anniversary in 2024. The goal of this contest is to celebrate the heritage music of Southwest Virginia.

Q: Where can I find the submission information

A: Submission information can be found at thecrookedroadsongwritingcontest.com

Q: Who is eligible?

A: Anyone can submit song entries.

Q: How much is the entry fee?

A: The entry fee is \$20. Multiple entries are permitted.

Q: Who are the judges?

A: Johnny & Jeannette Williams, Becky Buller, Kris Truelson & Mary Munsey will review the initial submissions. Three judges will be judging the live concert on October 19, 2023.

Q: What are the prizes?

A: There will be 5 finalists, with 1 of these finalists being named the winner. The cash prizes are \$100 for 4 finalists & \$00 for the winner. The Crooked Road will also arrange for the winner to record and video the song.