

Silver Dollar City / KSMU Youth in Bluegrass Band Contest
May 28 and 29, 2021

PRIZE MONEY:

First place - \$1,500, Second place - \$1,000, Third Place - \$750, Fourth place - \$500, Fifth place - \$250. All prize money will be paid by Silver Dollar City/HFEC direct deposit as soon after the event as possible.

GUIDELINES:

All participants must be 21 years of age or younger as of May 28, 2021. However, in the case of a family band, one or both of the parents will be allowed to participate in the competition. Entry forms should be accompanied by a video recording of the band: DVD, USB memory stick, video or YouTube link. Up to ten bands will be accepted. Silver Dollar City Entertainment Team will determine which groups are accepted. Entries should be postmarked, or emailed, on or before March 8, 2021.

Contest officials make no attempt to define bluegrass music. Any song may be acceptable. However, all lyrics must be in keeping with Christian Values.

Acoustic instruments only, (no keyboards, drums or electric bass, please). This is a single microphone contest. Silver Dollar City will provide the microphone, audio engineer, and sound system.

Judges will be looking for the following:

Instrumental ability (in time, in tune, degree of difficulty) 25%

Vocal ability (in time, in tune, degree of difficulty) 25%

Professionalism (wardrobe, showmanship, microphone technique) 25%

Audience response 25%.

Adults (parents) should remember the focus of the competition should be on the young band members and not the adults. Judges decisions will be final. Participants agree to allow photographs or audio and video recordings for social media, YouTube, broadcasting, or other legal uses.

ELIMINATION PROCESS:

Silver Dollar City Entertainment Team will judge all entries and the top 10 bands will compete in the First Round.

First Round (May 28, 2021): Each group will have up to six minutes of performance time, including dialogue/introductions. The top five bands will move to the second round.

Second Round (May 29, 2021): The top five bands from the first round will each have ten minutes of performance time, including dialogue/introductions. Participants in the second round must perform different songs than they played in the first round.

The purpose of the contest is to provide networking opportunities for young musicians and a worthwhile learning experience in a wholesome and healthy atmosphere. Some bands may be offered future Silver Dollar City performance dates.