



**DCBU 2018 Mid-Atlantic Bluegrass Band Contest  
at the 7<sup>th</sup> DC Bluegrass Festival**

Saturday, March 10, 2017 – competition 9:30 pm-11:30 am  
Sheraton Tysons Hotel - 8661 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner, VA 22182

**Registration**

- Entry forms and registration fees must be received by **March 1, 2018**.
- The registration fee is \$50 per band; fees are non-refundable. All contestant band members receive full festival admission for Saturday; tickets are required for fans. Please make checks payable to DC Bluegrass Union.
- Email entry forms to [bandcompetition@dcbu.org](mailto:bandcompetition@dcbu.org). Mail entry forms and fees to: DCBU Band Competition, c/o Regina Derzon, 1429 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

**Competition Rules**

- **Qualifying Bands:** Regional and local bands are welcome; no full-time touring bands. Please send any questions about qualifying to [bandcompetition@dcbu.org](mailto:bandcompetition@dcbu.org).
- **Prizes:** 1st Prize - \$800, a set on the main festival stage on Saturday, March 11, and two hotel rooms for Saturday evening. 2nd Prize - \$500. 3rd Prize - \$300.
- **Performance:** 2 songs per band (one vocal tune with harmony and one instrumental), with a maximum stage time of 10 minutes (including set-up). No multi-song medleys. Time limit is subject to change depending on the number of entries.
- **Sound:** Sound equipment will be provided. Bands must use the sound equipment provided. Bands cannot bring their own sound engineer. Larger bands may have to share mics.
- **Instruments:** Traditional bluegrass instrumentation encouraged. With exception of electric and stand-up bass, no electric instruments or pickups may be used. Bands using a bass amp must bring their own amp. Drum kits and keyboards cannot be accommodated.
- **Slots:** 3 slots will be reserved for DCBU member bands until February 15, 2018. No more than 12 bands will be registered. Performance order will be determined by a random drawing held between the registration deadline and the date of the competition.
- **Band Members:** Contestant bands may not share members.

**Judging**

- There will be 3 judges. All decisions are final. DCBU board members and their families are disqualified from acting as judges. The judges consider difficulty of tune selections, quality of lead vocal and backup harmony vocals, instrumental skill, overall band sound, and stage presence and professionalism.

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**DCBU Band Competition Entry Form**

Mail to :DCBU Band Competition, c/o Regina Derzon, 1429 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

**Band Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Band Members** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website** \_\_\_\_\_

- Registration fee is enclosed.
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